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## Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

## Experience the 'Silence of a Winter's Night'

Enjoy the "Silence of a Winter's Night" from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 at Salamonie Lake's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The cost is \$10 per person, and space is limited. Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127.

## Pastor to be honored for 15 years of service

Pastor Robert Rensberger began his service as pastor of the Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St. on Jan. 1, 2005 and the congregation will honor his 15 years of service during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Jan. 26, with Pastor David Phillips as the guest speaker.

## 'Sanctity of Life' event planned

Cheryl Meyer, executive director of LIFE Center, and Jeni Friedersdorf, client service manager, will be "sharing on the Sanctity of Life" at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 26 at Victory Christian Fellowship, 112 W. Main St. For more information, call 260-982-8357.

## Manchester University plans Spring Convocation

The Spring Convocation is

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## Annual Point in Time Count continues Thursday

### Care packages for those experiencing homelessness available

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

An annual count of Wabash County's population of those experiencing homelessness took place Wednesday evening and continues with a giveaway of care packages Thursday.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Wednesday, Laura Spaulding, 85 HOPE Medical Clinic of Wabash County executive director,

stated there would be free care packages for those experiencing homelessness who show up to be counted. "If you are homeless, please come get a care package full of supplies, such as blankets, toiletry items, hats, gloves and more," she stated. "Surveys are confidential and voluntary."

### If you go

Locations where surveys will be taken and care packages will be given away include:

■ 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at 85Hope/Friends Church, 3563 Indiana 13.

■ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at Lighthouse Mission, 806 Cass St.

■ 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at F.I.S.H. (Friends in Service Here) Food Pantry, 770 1/2 W. Hill St.

"At Advantage Housing, which is the agency that currently administers a state rapid rehousing grant, we have been able to work with 25 families since April of last year," stated Samie McFadden, case manager for Advantage Housing, in response to a Plain Dealer request Thursday. "This included 27 children and 28 adults. This is not all of the

homelessness we encounter, only those who qualify for this particular program. These families must be homeless by the federal definition."

### Why the count is important

The Region 5 Planning Council serves Cass, Howard, Miami, Tipton and Wabash counties and administers the local count each year.

"On a single night during the last week of every January, Indiana Housing and Community Development

Authority (IHCD) works with Regional Planning Councils to conduct a count of homeless persons throughout the state," stated the group. "A shelter count is conducted that counts how many people are staying in Emergency Shelters or Transitional Housing Programs, and a street count is conducted to target homeless persons who may not be staying in shelters. The purpose of the count is to understand the scope and characteristics of people sleeping in shelters or places

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## Fantasy lantern workshop



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

**LANTERN:** Candie Cooper, right, and her daughter, Giselle, 5, show the class how to decorate their paper lanterns.

### Craft celebrates Chinese New Year, which begins Saturday

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Candie Cooper was standing in front of the many tables of adults and children in front of her ready to explain how to make a handmade "fantasy lantern" Friday, Jan. 3 at the Honeywell Center.

But, she wasn't alone. She had help.

"I've got the boss up here," she said, pointing to her daughter, Giselle, 5. "My daughter is old enough to be participating so she'll be running around with me. ... I always think that work plays such a huge part in people's self-esteem and purpose. I wanted her to see a strong working mom that's passionate about what she's doing. You want to be a good role model."

The craft was part of the Annual Winter Break Bash, hosted by the Hon-

eywell Foundation, which took place Thursday, Jan. 2 and Friday, Jan. 3 at various Honeywell Foundation venues including the Honeywell Center and Charley Creek Gardens, according to Courtney Harvey, development communications manager.

"Warm up winter nights with a handmade paper lantern," stated Harvey. "Participating children will put their spin on a traditional Chinese lantern by decorating them with crazy paint techniques, a tassel and then light them up at the end of class."

Candie Cooper showed the class the rice paper of the lantern, pointing out how delicate it was.

"It's very, very thin," she said. "When you touch it you can tell it's kind of fragile. We've got to be extra careful."

The craft was also a part of the celebration of Chinese New Year 2020, which begins Saturday, Jan. 25. It marks the beginning of the

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**PAINT:** Six spray bottles were left out for children to decorate their lanterns with two colors each.

## Eagles Theatre to celebrate grand re-opening

114-year-old building restored under the direction of the Honeywell Foundation

### By STAFF REPORT

The Honeywell Foundation has announced that the Eagles Theatre is just weeks away from re-opening, according to a press release.

Located downtown, Eagles has been under renovation for more than two years – a project that has transformed the 114-year-old building.

"Originally constructed in 1906, the Eagles Theatre entertained crowds with energetic vaudeville performances. With the re-opening, Eagles will offer visitors from all over the region an opportunity to see live performances, watch a movie or attend a special event in a truly unique setting," stated the release.

The four-story renovated arts and entertainment facility will feature two theaters – the original Eagles Theatre and the new Ferguson Theatre.

"The 560-seat Eagles Theatre combines nostalgia with modern upgrades and amenities," stated the release. "The historical integrity of the 114-year-old theater has been maintained while adding comfortable seating, private upper balcony suites and state-of-the-art projection, sound and lighting. The Eagles Theatre will offer movie showings and live concerts and performances."

The Ferguson Theatre, located on the lower level, is a new addition to the building.

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## Voice for grassroots organizing is MLK speaker at Manchester

This presentation is part of the Values, Ideas and the Arts series

### By ANNE GREGORY

Manchester University will mark the anniversary of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech on campus with a woman who is among those carrying on his work in our time.

Tayna Fogle is a mother, a former felon and a powerful leader in her community. As co-chair of the

Kentucky Poor People's Campaign, her work has transformed policy and policymakers.



**FOGLE**

3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester cam-

pus. It is free and open to the public.

Fogle is the Democracy Fellow at Kentuckians for the Commonwealth. She is also a former addict who spent nearly a decade in prison. She will speak about the power of grassroots organizing in Kentucky, whether it is to restore voting rights to former felons or using civil disobedience as a tool to make a change.

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## Indiana American Water urges customers to prepare for cold weather

Problems are preventable by evaluating areas of vulnerability

### By STAFF REPORT

With much colder weather across the state this week, Indiana American Water is urging customers to take action to secure homes and businesses against freezing pipes, according to a press release.

"With much of the state in the deep freeze over the next

several days, we are encouraging customers to act now to protect their plumbing system against the extreme cold," stated Indiana American Water President Matt Prine. "Failing to protect your plumbing from cold temperatures can be disruptive and very costly. When ice expands inside pipes, it can crack and burst them, leaving homeowners with a costly plumbing bill,

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PHOTOS BY ROB BURGESS / PLAIN DEALER  
PAPER: Several paper lanterns are ready to be decorated.



COLORS: Several different colors were available for children to make tassels.



LOOKING: Children take a look through the lanterns before decorating them.

LANTERN

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Chinese Spring Festival and goes until Saturday, Feb. 8. 2020 is the year of the rat. Each year is represented by an animal. People believe the different animals bring different kinds of luck. Wabash’s sister city is Linhai City, China. “Wabash has been building a relationship with China. It’s very exciting to be doing a little bit of that art with that culture,” said Candie Cooper.

Candie Cooper said she was very familiar with these lanterns as she used to live in China for three years. She said when she was riding in the canals of Suzhou, “the Venice of China,” there were paper lanterns everywhere. “What is the hardest thing about winter? It’s dark early. What can we do to combat that? We can add light,” she said.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.



YARN: Candie Cooper, right, prepares for the class along with the assembled volunteers.

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“Tayna best represents the mission Martin Luther King was trying to achieve in the original Poor People’s Campaign,” said Caraline Fearheller, MU peace studies coordinator. “Her work is a direct link and continuation of what Dr. King began.” On Feb. 1, 1968, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke to an overflow audi-

ence at the campus of what was then Manchester College. What no one would have predicted then was that this was to be King’s last campus address before his assassination that April. Each year, Manchester marks the occasion of his visit to North Manchester with a keynote address at the MLK Remembrance and Rededication Ceremony. This presentation is part of the Values, Ideas and the

Arts series, which enriches the student experience. It is sponsored by the MU Peace Studies Institute, with support from the Ira W. and Mable Winger Moomaw Lecturehip/Seminar Fund. Manchester is home to the oldest undergraduate peace studies program in the world, established in 1948 by Gladdys Muir. Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

EAGLES

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“The 50-seat movie theater will offer first-run movies as well as sensory-friendly showings, independent films, student showcases and more. The top floor of Eagles will feature the Parkview Ballroom, one of the more extensive features of the renovation. As one of the original rooms of the 1906 construction, the elegant event space has been restored to its former glory with hand-painted ceilings and other intricate details and features. Full catering is available, making the Ballroom a perfect place for weddings, receptions, corporate meetings, and other special events and celebrations.” Additional floors of Eagles will house several conference rooms available for

rental, music lesson rooms, and media arts classrooms where students will learn audio and video production and editing. During March, Eagles will host several preview opportunities to experience special movies and

live performances. Kicking off these offerings is a very special performance by Wabash’s own, Crystal Gayle on Saturday, Feb. 29. A full list of the special March preview events is available at EaglesTheatre.com.

**Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, January 17- Thursday, January 23**  
*All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.*

<b>Bad Boys for Life (R)</b> Fri: 6:50, 9:40 Sat: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50, 9:40 Sun: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50 Mon- Thurs: 6:50	<b>Like a Boss (R)</b> Fri: 7:10, 9:15 Sat: 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:15 Sun: 1:50, 4:35, 7:10 Mon- Thurs: 7:10	<b>Jumanji: The Next Level in 2D (PG13)</b> Fri: 6:30, 9:20 Sat: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:20 Sun: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30 Mon- Thurs: 6:30
<b>Dolittle (PG)</b> Fri: 7:00, 9:30 Sat: 1:40, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30 Sun: 1:40, 4:25, 7:00 Mon- Thurs: 7:00	<b>Underwater (PG13)</b> Fri: 6:40, 8:55 Sat: 1:20, 4:05, 6:40, 8:55 Sun: 1:20, 4:05, 6:40 Mon- Thurs: 6:40	

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Located at 100 Roxy Lane, North edge of Peru

### 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Thursday</b> Scattered Snow 35 / 27	 <b>Friday</b> Rain Likely 37 / 29	 <b>Saturday</b> Rain & Snow Possible 35 / 27	 <b>Sunday</b> Cloudy 34 / 24	 <b>Monday</b> Mostly Cloudy 37 / 29
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#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 5:54 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 8:05 a.m.

 New 1/24	 First 2/1	 Full 2/9	 Last 2/15
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#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 50% chance of scattered snow, high of 35°, humidity of 86%. South southeast wind 7 to 10 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 90% chance of rain and snow, overnight low of 27°. East southeast wind 7 mph.

Reader sees neighbor’s underage kid at club

**DEAR HARRIETTE:** I went to a nightclub with some of my friends from work, and while I was there, I saw one of my neighbor’s children. This guy has got to be underage. He is tall, so maybe that’s how he got in, but he’s definitely under 21. He was hanging out and drinking with a group of young people. He never seemed to get out of control, but he shouldn’t have been there, and he shouldn’t have been drinking. I spoke to him, so he knows that I saw him. Should I tell his mother that I saw him? I know kids like to push the envelope. He may even have a fake ID – I don’t know. I’m not trying to get him in trouble, but I think his mother legitimately should know that her son was in a place where he was too young to be. How should I address this? – Minor Infraction

**DEAR MINOR INFRACTION:** As a parent, I would appreciate a heads-up if a neighbor saw my child at a nightclub. I would want to know even if my child was of age. What’s important is for you to share the facts without emotion or judgment. You should tell your neighbor that you saw him and what you observed about his behavior, including that he was always in control of himself when you saw him. Many young people experiment with alcohol well before their 21st birthdays, but it is also smart to tell the mother that you saw him drinking. Safety is a serious concern for anyone who drinks. Who knows how he and his friends were traveling? In any case, informing his mother should prompt a conversation between them that may lead to him making smarter choices.

**DEAR HARRIETTE:** I got an email request from a company asking me to give a recommendation for someone who worked with me many years ago. I vaguely remember the

guy, but that’s it – vaguely. I don’t remember the years he worked with me, what he did – anything. This guy did not write to me to ask if I would write a letter of recommendation. I don’t even know how to contact him. I do recall that he was pleasant and that he left of his own accord. But that’s no recommendation. Do I ignore the request? Or do I write what I do recall? I don’t know what would be most helpful. – Recommendation

**DEAR RECOMMENDATION:** Take a moment to recall whatever you can about working with this man. Do your best to remember – at least in general terms – what his job was. In your letter, speak to the

man’s character, personality and skills to the best of your ability. Don’t make anything up. You can say he worked for you many years ago without giving exact dates. If this man ever does contact you directly, let him know he would get a much better recommendation if he preps the people he’s planning on asking to help him in advance of them getting what may seem like a random request. Harriette Cole is a lifestyle and founder of DREAMLEAPERS, an initiative to help people access and activate their dreams. You can send questions to askharriette@harriettecole.com or c/o Andrews McMeel Syndication, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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### READERS' CHOICE REPORTS

#### TUESDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5  
04-25-30-36-38  
Cash4Life  
08-15-16-41-55, Cash Ball: 3  
Daily Three-Midday  
9-3-0, SB: 2  
Daily Three-Evening  
5-8-8, SB: 9  
Daily Four-Midday  
4-4-4-1, SB: 2  
Daily Four-Evening  
2-6-6-8, SB: 9  
Mega Millions  
16-18-29-31-37, Mega Ball: 8, Megaplier: 3  
Estimated jackpot: \$116 million  
Powerball  
Estimated jackpot: \$343 million

#### WEDNESDAY'S METALS

Aluminum.....	.82
Copper.....	2.79
Lead.....	.89
Zinc.....	1.11
Gold.....	1,557.55
Silver.....	17.85
Platinum.....	1,017.38

#### AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices at Indianapolis-area elevators:  
Corn: \$4.08. Soybeans: \$9.06.



# Obituaries

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### Enno F. Schmidt

Enno F. Schmidt, 83, of Wabash, passed away on Jan. 20, 2020. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1500 South Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana 46992. Burial will follow at Mississinewa Memorial Cemetery, Somerset. Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service starting at 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

### Donald W. ‘Doc’ Baer

Funeral Services for Donald W. “Doc” Baer, 89, of rural Wabash, were 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Brian Chamberlain officiated and Susan Vanlandingham was the musician. Memor-

ies were shared by family and friends. Pallbearers John Baer, Kevin Baer, Troy Baer, Rex Baer, Eric Baer, Ty Baer, Nathan Baer, and Storm Sinclair. Jared Miller and Vince Baer were honorary pallbearers. Burial was in Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

## ‘Naughty boy’: Monty Python star Terry Jones dies at 77

By **JILL LAWLESS**  
Associated Press

LONDON — Terry Jones, a founding member of the anarchic Monty Python troupe who was hailed by colleagues as “the complete Renaissance comedian” and “a man of endless enthusiasms,” has died at age 77 after suffering from dementia. Jones’s family said he died Tuesday evening at his home in London “after a long, extremely brave but always good humored battle with a rare form of dementia.”

“We have all lost a kind, funny, warm, creative and truly loving man whose uncompromising individuality, relentless intellect and extraordinary humor has given pleasure to countless millions across six decades,” Jones’s wife, Anna Soderstrom, and children Bill, Sally and Siri, said in a statement. Born in Wales in 1942, Jones attended Oxford University, where he began writing and performing with fellow student Michael Palin.

After leaving university, he wrote for seminal 1960s comedy series, including “The Frost Report” and “Do Not Adjust Your Set.” At the end of the decade he and Palin, along with Eric Idle, John Cleese, Graham Chapman and Terry Gilliam, formed Monty Python’s Flying Circus. The troupe’s irreverent humor – a blend of satire, surrealism and silliness – helped revolutionize British comedy. “Terry was one of my closest, most valued friends. He was kind, generous, supportive and passionate about living life to the full,” Palin said in a statement. “He was far more than one of the funniest writer-performers of his generation. He was the complete Renaissance comedian – writer, director, presenter, historian, brilliant children’s author, and the warmest, most wonderful company you could wish to have,” Palin said. Jones wrote and performed for the troupe’s TV series, which aired for five years on the BBC, and films including “Monty Python and the Holy Grail” in 1975 and “Monty Python’s Life of Brian” in 1979. Playing the mother of Brian, a hapless young man

who is mistaken for Jesus, he delivered one of the Pythons’ most famous lines: “He’s not the Messiah. He’s a very naughty boy!”

A more understated presence than the 6-foot-five-inch Cleese or the energetic Idle, Jones was a deft comic performer, who played many of the Pythons’ female characters. He was also, among many other incarnations, a grinning nude organist, Spanish Inquisitor Cardinal Biggles and the explosively gluttonous restaurant patron Mr. Creosote.

Cleese tweeted: “It feels strange that a man of so many talents and such endless enthusiasm, should have faded so gently away...” He added: “Two down, four to go,” a reference to the six members of the troupe. Chapman died of cancer in 1989.

As well as performing, Jones co-directed “Holy Grail” with Gilliam, and directed “Life of Brian” and the 1983 Python film “The Meaning of Life.”

“Life of Brian” was considered daring – and was even banned in some areas – for its biblical satire. The film’s crucifixion scene, which featured Idle performing the cheeky song “Always Look on the Bright Side of Life,” cemented Jones’ reputation as a daring director with an absurdist sense of humor.

During the 1970s, Jones also created the show “Ripping Yarns” with Palin and wrote sketches for comedy duo The Two Ronnies.

After the Pythons largely disbanded in the 1980s, Jones wrote books on medieval and ancient history, presented documentaries, wrote poetry and directed films, including “Personal Services,” about a suburban brothel madam, an adaptation of children’s classic “The Wind in the Willows” and the comedy adventure “Erik the Viking.” He also scripted the Jim Henson-directed fantasy film “Labyrinth,” which starred David Bowie.

In 2014, more than three decades after their last live performance, the five surviving Pythons reunited for a string of stage shows that revived their old skits for adoring audiences.

Jones is survived by his wife, his ex-wife Alison Telfer, and three children.

measuring performance data and setting goals to improve the lives of children, women and men experiencing homelessness.”

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### WATER

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and thousands of dollars in water damage.”

These problems are preventable by evaluating areas of vulnerability and taking certain precautions. Implementing the following winterization tips now can help avoid headaches later:

- Search your house for uninsulated pipes, especially in unheated areas. Consider wrapping pipes with foam insulation or electric heating tape, but follow the manufacturer’s instructions carefully

to avoid a fire hazard.

- Check to make sure your garage door and crawl space doors/vents are closed.

- Leave cabinet doors open in kitchen and bathroom areas to allow warm air to circulate and consider letting a faucet drip to keep water moving through the pipes. If you have young children, relocate any chemicals or cleaners that may have otherwise been out of reach behind the cabinet doors.

- Seal cracks and holes in outside walls and foundations with caulking, especially where cable TV or phone lines enter the house, to keep

cold air away from pipes.

- Make certain the water to your hose bibs is shut off inside your house (via a turnoff valve), the lines are drained, and the hose is disconnected from the spigot.

- Drain and shut off entirely the water to any unoccupied residence such as a summer or vacation home. A loss of power during a winter storm could cause pipes to freeze. If you intend to leave a property entirely without heat, be sure to drain all water to prevent the possibility of frozen pipes.

- Set the thermostat at no lower than 55 degrees if

you’re going out of town. Although you may be able to get away with a lower temperature, this setting is generally considered to be safe for pipes.

- Make sure you know where your main water shut-off valve is in case you need to shut your water off it in an emergency.

- Consider wrapping your water heater in an insulation blanket. While not a danger for freezing, this can lower your heating bills.

For more information, visit <https://amwater.com/inaw/water-information/wise-water-use>.

### PULSE

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at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, the first day of classes, in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. The presentation is free and open to the public.

### Wabash County Museum to host PBS screening about ‘Polar Extremes’

A free preview screening of the upcoming “NOVA” special, “Polar Extremes” is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28 at the Wabash County Museum, 36 E. Market St. For more information, visit [www.wabashmuseum.org](http://www.wabashmuseum.org) and click on Events, or call 260-563-9070.

### Wabash Tri Kappa to sponsor 14th Annual Winter Gala

The gala will take place Saturday, Feb. 1, at Heartland REMC, 250 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased by Tuesday, Jan. 28. Tickets may be purchased from Tri Kappa Members or at the following locations: Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St.; Friermood Tire & Alignment, 1699 Stitt St.; and the dental office of Dr. Bing M. Fowler DDS, 1911 S. Wabash St. For more information, call Beth Miller at 260-563-1128.

### February Salamonie Senior Luncheon set

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Monday, Feb. 3, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Upper Wabash Interpretive Services interpretive naturalist Lynanne Fager will share her personal experiences with Indiana bald eagles. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Chicken and noodles and mashed potatoes will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

### Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for Feb. 5

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity for 2 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5 at the Urbana Yoke Parish Community Center, 16 E. Half St., Urbana.

### Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for Feb. 6

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity for noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester.

### United Methodist Church plans community dinner

The United Methodist Church will be hosting a community dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at 306 E. Second St. The menu includes baked steak, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, roll, dessert and drink. Ticket cost for adults is \$8.50 and children ages 7 to 12 are \$5, children under 6 are free. Carry-outs available at 4:30 p.m. The public is welcome. North Manchester United Methodist Church is handicapped-accessible, with parking in the rear of the church and the East Second Street parking lot.

### Bachelor Creek Church of Christ to host prom for people with special needs

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ will host Night to Shine 2020 from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North. For additional information, visit [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

### LaFontaine Lions to host breakfast

The LaFontaine Lions Club is set to host a breakfast from 7:30 to 10 a.m., or until it’s gone, Saturday, Feb. 8 at the LaFontaine Community Building. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, sausage gravy and biscuits, pancakes (on request), juice, milk and coffee. There will be a free-will donation. Proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the LaFontane Community Building. Lions also collect old glasses, hearing aids and keys.

### Skywarn weather spotter training set

A Skywarn weather spotter training session has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at the skating rink at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. Online registration is available at <https://wabashin-spotter.eventzilla.net>. Registration may also be completed by calling 260-563-3181 or 574-834-1104.

### Honeywell Foundation’s annual art competition open

The Honeywell Foundation’s Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show through Wednesday, Feb. 19. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at [mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org](mailto:mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org) or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

### Career Closet donations sought

Donations for the Career Closet will be collected through Friday, Feb. 21. Manchester University will accept gently used professional or business casual clothing and accessories. This event helps students who are not financially able to purchase professional clothing be able to

dress appropriately when talking with employers and programs. Donations may be brought to Room 103 of the Chynworth Center on the North Manchester campus or to Sarah Lauck at the Fort Wayne campus.

### Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo McClelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

### Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

### Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experienced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

### DivorceCare to meet every Tuesday

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to a press release. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 112 in the Wabash Friends Church, 3563 South State Road 13. Group leader and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658 or group leader Janet Quillen at 260-571-5235; email office@wabashfriends.org; or visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

### Employers invited to register for Manchester Career Fair

Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school fair from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus. Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with lunch and informal networking. Each employer registered will receive a covered 6-foot table and two chairs. The cost to register is \$40 to \$50, depending on the type of employer. Fair sponsorship is also available for \$150. For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/MUCareerFair2020>. Employers with questions may email CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu.

### ‘Death by Chocolate’ tickets on sale

The Wabash Area Community Theater’s winter comedy “Death by Chocolate” will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Charley Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovelstad at 260-330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

### Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabash-county3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at [mitch@komets.com](mailto:mitch@komets.com) or by calling 260-482-6812.

### Wabash Kiwanis Club’s Pancake Day returns in March

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day, which is the local service organization’s largest annual fundraiser. The event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Bruce Inghram building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those ages 13 years and older, and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger.

### Manchester invites high school students to submit compositions

The Manchester University Department of Music seeks high school composers for its first Composition Workshop and Reading Session on Wednesday, April 8. They are invited to submit original compositions to be performed and recorded by Manchester University faculty musicians. The deadline is March 23. Send submissions to Reed at [tmreed@manchester.edu](mailto:tmreed@manchester.edu). Submissions should include a score (PDF or Finale file); contact information with name, phone number and mailing address; and name of high school currently attending. There is no fee to submit. Selected composers will be contacted with details about the evening event via email.

*Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplaindealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

Once you were alienated from God ... but now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

— Colossians 1:22

## OUR TAKE

# School nutrition was improving, but Trump administration is set to undo it

The Agriculture Department last year released results of a comprehensive study of school nutrition programs to gauge the impact of new, strict standards implemented in 2010 by the Obama administration. The news was all good. The nutritional quality of school-provided breakfasts and lunches had improved significantly, schools that had the healthiest meals had the greatest rates of student participation and – contrary to worries about more students dumping and not eating the food – “plate waste” was about the same as before the law went into effect.

Following a now-familiar pattern, the Trump administration did not allow these facts to get in the way as it announced plans to roll back standards mandating healthy changes in food at schools. The administration once again bowed to big business while demonstrating its continuing obsession with undoing the achievements of the prior administration. And never mind children's health.

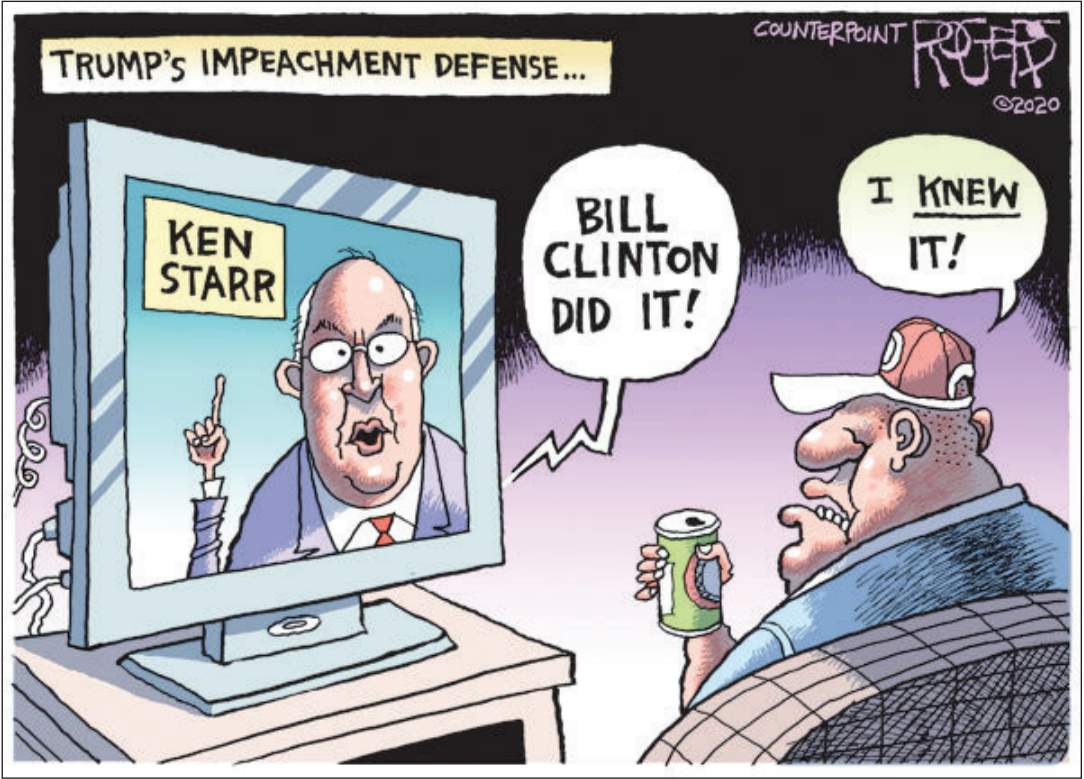
Changes announced last week

by the Agriculture Department, which runs nutritional programs that serve nearly 30 million students at 99,000 schools, would allow schools to reduce the amount of vegetables and fruits at lunch and breakfast while permitting them to sell more pizza, burgers and fries. The announcement coincided with the 56th birthday of former first lady Michelle Obama, whose fight against childhood obesity as her signature issue shaped the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Whether the timing, as officials claimed, was unintentional is not as important as the totally foreseeable harm that will result if these new rules, a continuation of this administration's undermining of school nutrition standards, take effect.

Nearly 14 million U.S. children, about 19 percent, are obese, with an increased risk of diet-related chronic diseases that threaten their health and longevity. And since children consume up to 50 percent of their daily calories at school, improving the nutrition of the meals provided

there should be a no-brainer. Some food producers – including the potato lobby – pushed for the weakening of standards, and administration officials claimed the changes were a way to give schools more flexibility and cut down on food waste. But, as experts in school nutrition argue, there are more effective ways to reduce food waste, such as giving students more than 20 minutes to eat. It is unfortunate, but not surprising, that the administration wants to retreat from nutritional recommendations that were developed with rigor by a panel of experts and that, by the Agriculture Department's own scientific findings, have brought positive change to school lunches and breakfasts. The proposals will be put out for public comment this month. We are confident officials will hear plenty about their misguided priorities. We're not confident they will listen. If they don't, children will pay the price.

—A version of this editorial first appeared in The Washington Post



# Trump prefers servile minions who will do what he says

How on earth does President Trump find them? All the worst people, I mean.

You will recall that as a candidate he promised to bring to Washington all “the best” people. Don't hurt yourself laughing. It's astounding how thoroughly Trump has managed to do

the polar opposite, surrounding himself with incompetents, mediocrities, sycophants and grifters.

Exhibit A would be Lev Parnas, the Soviet-born Florida businessman who reportedly was drowning in debt in Boca Raton – from “a movie deal gone bad,” according to The Washington Post – before finding his way into Trump's circle via Rudy Giuliani, the president's personal lawyer. Every time Trump denies even knowing Parnas, who is under indictment for making illegal campaign contributions, Parnas and his lawyer post another photo or video proving otherwise.

Parnas is in the news for his claim to have worked “on the ground” in the Ukraine bribery scheme for which Trump is being impeached. Leave aside for a moment whether Trump is guilty. (Spoiler alert: He totally is.) How could it be that a person like Parnas was apparently running around Europe, conducting foreign policy on behalf of the president of the United States?

And look at Giuliani, once considered “America's mayor,” now more like “America's embarrassment.” According to the Post, Parnas and his friend Igor Fruman would “drop anything to join him Giuliani at his favorite haunts, stay out late

while he drank scotch and pick up the tab.” Parnas says he now believes he was being “recruited” by Giuliani because he had connections in Ukraine.

Giuliani, of course, was also running around Europe, conducting foreign policy as the president's “personal” representative. Giuliani is reportedly under criminal investigation by federal prosecutors in Manhattan for possible violations of campaign finance and lobbying statutes. Any other president surely would have felt the need to distance himself from someone facing such legal peril, if only for appearance's sake. Trump seems to care only about Giuliani's appearances on Fox News.

Speaking of the president's favorite cable news network, it often seems that Fox sets the administration's agenda. Other presidents have counted distinguished scholars among their “kitchen cabinet” advisers. Trump has Sean Hannity and Lou Dobbs.

If you look at Trump's top-level officials, he has installed a secretary of education who gives no indication of believing in public education; a secretary of commerce who, like Trump, has routinely overstated his net worth; a secretary of housing and urban development whose only qualification for the position was, and remains, that he lives in a house; and an administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency who, contrary to the scientific consensus, does not believe climate change presents an “existential threat.”

Trump's first two press secretaries, Sean Spicer and Sarah Huckabee Sanders, have acknowledged telling lies to the media and the public – Spicer about the crowd size for Trump's inauguration and Sanders about FBI reaction to

the firing of James Comey. Both told countless other lies that they have not owned up to. The woman who now holds the job, Stephanie Grisham, has been criticized for not even giving press briefings, but I applaud her decision. If you're not going to speak truth, why speak at all?

The U.S. diplomatic corps and the think tanks of Washington are teeming with Middle East experts. Trump, however, decided to assign the task of forging peace between Israel and the Palestinians to his son-in-law Jared Kushner, whose most significant previous negotiation led him to grossly overpay for a New York office building. Any day now, we keep hearing, The Peace Plan will be announced. I'm not holding my breath.

Trump also relies on advice from his daughter, Ivanka. You're right to perceive that there's a pattern here. Trump is trying to run the White House just like he ran the Trump Organization, a mom-and-pop business that leading New York banks and real estate developers refuse to have anything to do with.

Just as jailed lawyer Michael Cohen helped Trump pay off a porn star and a Playboy model to prevent disclosure of Trump's alleged affairs with them, Giuliani tried to muscle the Ukrainian government into publicly smearing Trump's potential opponent in the coming election, Joe Biden. And Attorney General William Barr obediently tells Trump he can do anything he wants. *Plus ça change.*

Trump doesn't want aides with principles and values. He wants servile minions who will do what he says, regardless of whether it's right or wrong. “All the worst people” is a feature of the Trump presidency, not a bug.

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# The super majority blues

Republicans have such a strong grip on Indiana – holding the governor's office and super majorities in both legislative chambers – that it is difficult to see beyond the fact. It sometimes feels as though it must have always been so and always will be so.

A reminder: The Indiana Senate has indeed been virtually an impregnable GOP fortress – Democrats last controlled it in the late 1970s. But the governor's office has changed parties often, and Democrats have been highly competitive for House seats. It was just back in 2010 when they last ran it, and if we go back to 1992 (the history covered by Ballotpedia), they've held it 15 times to the Republicans' 14.

It's not beyond the realm of possibility, then, that they could win the House again. And sometimes, in my darkest, most cynical mood – get ready to throw the apostate out of the congregation, fellow conservatives and libertarians – I wish they would.

I had one of those moods the other day when I started thinking about ideas Democrats have proposed in this General Assembly session. The vote for 16-year-olds. Recreational marijuana. Euthanasia. More gun control. Higher minimum wage.

It would perhaps be unfair to call these fringe ideas, but they certainly have no chance of passage in Indiana. Democrats certainly know this, so they must feel they have no choice. If they can't hope to achieve legislative success, why not just throw out the red meat their base wants to feast on?

It's not as noticeable, but Republicans aren't behaving all that well, either. They can do whatever they please, and they make sure we know they know it. They're as likely as not to vote on a proposal we've heard nothing about that they have thoroughly mapped out in private meetings. That's the action of an exclusive club, not a political party held together by core beliefs and a coherent philosophy.

If Democrats were to win back the House, I can think of a couple of possible benefits.

The most obvious one is that Democrats would start proposing more sensible ideas. If they believe a proposal could result in a bill, they might start thinking more about what a majority of Hoosiers would tolerate, even, heaven forbid, welcome. They would, of necessity, have to woo support from across the aisle.

The other benefit – even more important – is that Republicans would have to defend their ideas, which they haven't seen the need to do in recent years. As someone who's made a living by arguing, I believe that would help them see the weaknesses in their proposals and result in stronger legislation.

Hoosier voters would be the ultimate beneficiaries. If they got more common sense from one side and more willingness to debate from the other, they would be more informed about their state government. They could hear facts from both sides about the (modest, incremental, sensible) changes proposed to the rules they must live by.

Ah, well.

Let me try to talk myself off the ledge before I get thrown off. If it's true that hard cases make bad law, it's also likely that dark moods beget foolishly idealistic hopes. My fantasy legislature would require more reasonableness from Republicans, highly doubtful, and less pious pondering from Democrats, almost inconceivable.

Democrats seeking the presidency, after all, are running against a Republican who was hated by half the country as a candidate and has had the most controversial incumbency in modern history. As more than one observer has noted, all they have to do to win back the White House is not sound crazy.

And they can't even manage that.

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## HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2020. There are 343 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 23, 1964, the 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified as South Dakota became the 38th state to endorse it.

### On this date:

In 1368, China's Ming dynasty, which lasted nearly three centuries, began as Zhu Yuanzhang was formally acclaimed emperor following the collapse of the Yuan dynasty.

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

In 1962, Jackie Robinson was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility. Tony Bennett recorded 'Left My Heart in San Francisco' in New York for Columbia Records.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Chita Rivera is 87. Actor-director Lou Antonio is 86. Jazz musician Gary Burton is 77. Actor Gil Gerard is 77. Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del., is 73. Singer Anita Pointer is 72. Actor Richard Dean Anderson is 70.



# Food



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HEALTHY: Plant-based dishes like this can be the star of your plate, taking the place of less healthful protein choices.

## Sage white bean veggie balls with pomegranate mandarin sauce

By SHARON PALMER

Veggie “meatballs” are one of the healthiest food trends today. They are savory little balls of beans, veggies and whole grains baked into golden perfection and served with a flavorful sauce. Plant-based dishes like this can be the star of your plate, taking the place of less healthful protein choices. In fact, eating a more plant-based diet is linked with a multitude of health benefits, including lower risk of cancer. This recipe for sage white bean veggie balls with pomegranate mandarin sauce is sure to be your new favorite.

### Sage White Bean Veggie Balls:

- 1 small sweet potato, chopped in chunks
- 1 small red onion, chopped in chunks
- 2 stalks celery

- 8 ounces brown mushrooms
- 1/2 cup hazelnuts
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 sprigs fresh sage
- 1/2 teaspoon ground mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon celery salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon gluten-free soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon pure maple syrup
- 1 small lemon, juiced
- 1/2 cup breadcrumbs, gluten-free
- 1/2 cup oats
- 2 tablespoons ground flax seeds
- Salt, as needed (optional)
- 2 15.5-oz cans white (cannellini) beans, rinsed, drained
- Pomegranate mandarin sauce:
- 1 cup pomegranate juice
- 1 large mandarin orange, juice and zest
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pure maple syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon cardamom
- 1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch

1 large pomegranate, seeded

**Directions**  
Using a food processor (the shredding attachment works best; but you can also use the blade to process), finely shred or chop the sweet potato, onion, celery, mushrooms, hazelnuts, garlic, and sage very quickly, just until vegetables are chopped but not liquefied. Mix in mustard, celery salt, black pepper, soy sauce, maple syrup, lemon juice, breadcrumbs, oats, and flax seeds. Season with salt as desired (optional). Mash the drained beans with a potato masher until smooth, with chunks remaining. Add to vegetable mixture, combining well. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Preheat oven to 375 F. Using a spoon and clean hands, shape mixture into about 40 golf ball-sized balls, pressing firmly. Place veggie balls on bak-

ing sheets sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Bake at 375 F for 55-60 minutes, until golden brown and cooked through. To make pomegranate mandarin sauce, whisk together pomegranate juice, mandarin orange juice, maple syrup, cardamom, and cornstarch together in a small saucepan. Heat over medium until bubbly and thickened. Stir in mandarin orange zest and pomegranate seeds (arils) and chill until serving time. Serve veggie balls with sauce immediately. Makes 10 servings (4 meatballs + 1/4 cup sauce each) **Per Serving:** 257 calories, 6 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 43g total carbs, 8g fiber, 10g protein, 117mg sodium, 11g sugar. Sharon Palmer, MSFS, RDN, “The Plant-Powered Dietitian,” is an author, blogger and plant-based food and nutrition expert.



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FORK: If you don’t have a mortar, then simply combine all of the ingredients in a bowl and mash with a fork to achieve a chunky consistency.

## Got guac? Tap into your inner caveman with this recipe

By LYNDA BALSLEV

My favorite kitchen tool is my stone mortar and pestle. It sits proudly on my kitchen counter, holding its own in a caveman-esque sort of way, flaunting its primal elegance in between the stove and the espresso machine. It’s smugly confident in its weight and kitchen hierarchy (deemed decorative) while my food processor and standing mixer are banished behind cabinet doors (deemed clutter).

New kitchen techniques are awe-inspiring and futuristic, yet my mortar is old and wise, with a lineage extending as far back as the Old Testament. Sous-vides, anti-griddles and smart ovens may be cutting-edge, favored by professional chefs and gastronomy buffs, but my mortar has a stellar history as an essential tool to Native Americans, ancient Romans and Greeks, medieval pharmacists, and home cooks spanning the ages from the dawn of civilization. It is the embodiment of simplicity and timelessness, pleasingly tactile and massively elemental. And it’s affordable.

What can you do with a mortar and pestle? You can grind, pound and smash to your heart’s content, making pestos, pastes, sauces, dips, dressings and marinades. You can grind seeds into powder. (I assure you that lightly toasting cardamom, cumin or coriander seeds, and then grinding them to a fine powder in a mortar, will yield results unparalleled by the pre-ground versions.)

The mortar is also the perfect place to smash garlic with sea salt, adding fresh-cut herbs, such as rosemary, thyme, sage, basil and mint. Crush the garlic first with the salt, then add the herbs and bruise them by giving them a few turns with the pestle to release their juices and flavor. You

will be left with a powerful, aromatic paste you can smear on meats and poultry before roasting. You can also create a complete dish and serve it in the mortar. Try making this guacamole, a perfect crowd-pleaser, just in time for your Super Bowl party. Serve with chips, and you have one-stop-shopping in a primitive vessel. If you don’t have a mortar, then simply combine all of the ingredients in a bowl and mash with a fork to achieve a chunky consistency.

### Guacamole

- Active Time:** 15 minutes
  - Total Time:** 15 minutes
  - Yield:** Makes about 2 cups
  - 1 small red or green jalapeño pepper, stemmed and seeded, finely chopped
  - 1 garlic clove, chopped
  - 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
  - 1/4 cup cilantro leaves, plus extra chopped leaves for garnish
  - 3 to 4 large ripe Hass avocados, peeled
  - 2 tablespoons coarsely grated yellow onion with juice
  - Juice of one lime
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt, or more to taste
  - 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
  - 2 to 4 dashes hot sauce, such as Tabasco (optional)
- Combine the jalapeño, garlic and red onion in a mortar. Press on the ingredients with your pestle, and grind them around the mortar in a circular movement, 3 to 4 times. Add the cilantro and gently bruise the leaves with the pestle. Add the avocados, yellow onion and lime juice and mash to form a blended but chunky consistency. Mix in the cumin, salt, black pepper and hot sauce, if using, and taste for seasoning. Serve garnished with additional chopped cilantro.

## How can you make healthy food resolutions stick?

By MELISSA RAYWORTH

Associated Press

For many of us, January is all about giving things up: Maybe we’re going to stop eating meat and embrace a plant-based diet. Or we’re ready to kick excess sugar to the curb after a holiday season awash in sweets. Or we’re committed to avoiding fast food.

Starting the year with noble goals for eating well is a modern rite of passage. But it’s just as common to ditch those grand plans within a few weeks.

This year, how can we do it right? If we’re pledging to make better food choices, which strategies can help us stick with them?

### Start small

The consensus among experts is clear: It’s tempting to begin with dramatic gestures, but the key to lasting change is setting goals that are small enough we won’t scrap them by Valentine’s Day.

Manageable, measurable goals can create long-term change, says Leila Azarbad, associate professor of psychology at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. When people set lofty goals, they can get discouraged after a couple weeks. “Our self-efficacy, that belief in our own ability, tanks,” she says. “And that’s a huge predictor: If you don’t feel confident in your ability to make the change, you’re going to discontinue trying.”

Picture this, says Dana White, a sports dietitian and clinical associate professor at Quinnipiac University: You want to lose 20 pounds and you know that every afternoon you visit the office vending machine for a snack to boost your energy.

So, begin packing a healthy afternoon snack – not something punitive, but something healthier that you’ll enjoy – and have that instead of a vending machine candy bar.

It’s a measurable, specific change that won’t be unpleasant. And if it eliminates 200 calories, that shift will make a difference over the coming weeks and months. Once that new behavior is in place, you can add another small but meaningful change.

The same thinking works if you’re eliminating animal products: Rather than going cold turkey (cold tofu?), begin by replacing one dinner per week with a vegetarian meal. Plan it for a night when you won’t be rushed and can make an appealing recipe, or budget for going out once a week to a vegetarian restaurant.

Then track that change for three weeks, says Anna Baker, assistant professor of psychology at Bucknell University, who researches the connection between behavioral factors such as self-management and health outcomes.

“You hear that it takes 21 days to create habit. There’s debate about whether it’s 21 exactly, but you need a certain amount of time of continuing to do something before it becomes a habit,” Baker says. “Once you do kind of get used to that change and you’re doing it regularly, then you can add in another thing.”

If you make that one good shift for three weeks, congratulate yourself. Then maintain that behavior and add another small change, like drinking more water.

It’s tempting to try making a half-dozen changes all at once, White says. But by focusing on individual, small, unhealthy behaviors and



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A display of guacamole and chips and blueberries in Allison Park, Pa. To eat healthier in the new year, try making small and measurable changes, like bringing a healthy and appealing snack to work.

“really identifying what the triggers are that lead to those behaviors,” she says, people “can have a tremendous amount of success without torturing themselves.”

### Be patient

If your goal is to lose 20 pounds, for example, it really will take four or five months – and it should, says Alex Montoye, assistant professor of clinical exercise physiology at Alma College in Alma, Michigan.

Losing a pound a week is “really the maximum sustainable weight loss,” Montoye says. Much as it surprises people, “2 pounds a week is pretty extreme.”

So aim to lose 5 pounds over the next six weeks through small behavioral shifts, and measure your behavior along the way. Apps and fitness trackers can help, as can a notebook where you list what you’ve eaten.

Researchers have found “that we are notoriously bad at estimating how many calories we’re taking in,” Azarbad says. “We tend to underestimate what we’re eating, because we forget. When we’re

cooking, we taste the pasta sauce a few times and those are calories. Or we walk past our colleague’s desk and they had a jar of M&M’s and we took a few, but those add up. That can be the difference between you losing a pound a week and you not.”

### Don’t be too hard on yourself

Accept that mistakes are a normal part of building a new habit. If you know an event is coming up where you’ll want to divert from your eating goals, accept that you may slip a bit then.

Aim for “consistency, not perfection,” says Baker. “You have to plan in advance that you’re going to screw up. We’re not perfect.”

### Enlist friends

Lastly, “tell everybody you know that you’re doing this because social support is huge,” Azarbad says.

“If you’re going out to eat and they know you’re trying to change your diet, they can help choose a restaurant that will accommodate you,” she says.

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# Hand sanitizers, flu shots – businesses’ defense against flu

By **JOYCE M. ROSENBERG**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As this winter’s flu outbreak intensifies, small business owners try to keep their companies from being overwhelmed by employee absences.

At Gold Medal Wine Club, any surfaces people are likely to touch, including the coffee machine, water dispenser and door knobs, are wiped down and there’s hand sanitizer on every desk. The 11 staffers are expected to sub for one another when someone’s sick, something that’s critical when orders for wine pour in.

“We want to be sure our phones are answered,” says Kelsey Chesterfield, marketing manager for the Santa Barbara, California, company. “If some people are out sick, others have to come in earlier.”

The flu can be devastating for small businesses. If a company with just a handful of employees has two or more out at once, it can be difficult or impossible to get the work done. So owners pay for flu shots and use disinfectants in hopes of keeping everyone healthy and urge sick staffers not to come to work. And, as Gold Medal Wine Club does, they train and reassign staffers to cover for sick colleagues.

“Nothing harms our ability to hit deadlines more than a spreading flu through the ranks of our staff members,” says Alex Kehoe, co-founder of Caveni, a website design company that has 10 employees at its Philadelphia headquarters and more than 10 others who work remotely.

When Kehoe’s staffers start having flu symptoms, he encourages them to stay home. Kehoe follows his own advice; he was working at home with a bad cold while being interviewed by phone for this story.

This flu season started early and all but two states reported widespread outbreaks by the week ended Jan. 11, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. From 1982 to 2018, the flu most often peaked in February, so there’s a good chance the rest of the states will see their cases increase this year.

There may be even more concern about illness spreading at work after news that a Washington state man traveling in China contracted a virus that has killed six people and sickened hundreds more in that country. The man is now hospitalized near Seattle.

Jo Trizila’s firm has five employees and no wiggle room when flu hits. Clients expect work to be done no matter what circumstances Dallas-based TrizCom Public Relations is dealing with. Trizila can find herself with 18-hour days to cover her work and a sick staffer’s – she has nowhere else to turn.

“We’re not in a position to hire a temp because our jobs are so specific and so creative,” Trizila says. “Someone can’t just step in and do it.”

Like many other owners whose work is done on computers and online, Trizila tells staffers they can work from home. But she’s realistic that chills, sore throat and high fever can wipe out an employee’s ability to do any work.

“You don’t even check your phone, you feel so crummy,” she says.

Like many owners, Trizila has encouraged staffers to get flu shots. The vaccines are fully covered under many health insurance plans and some owners arrange for employees to get their shots at work. At Gold Medal, staffers are paid \$25 if they get flu shots although vaccinations are covered under the company’s insurance.

But owners often can’t

cinated, says Rick Gibbs, a consultant with human resources provider Insuperity. Some employees may be covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits employers from requiring employees to undergo medical procedures. However, people who work in health care facilities can be required to be immunized.

Some staffers don’t want to stay home if they’re sick. Gibbs recommends owners appeal to staffers’ common sense – it’s better for them and their co-workers if they stay home. And if a staffer wants to work rather than lose pay, Gibbs recommends owners rethink their paid time off or sick leave policy; workers are more likely to stay home if they know they won’t lose pay.

Staffers whose work is done at customers’ homes and businesses are at risk not only of spreading the flu, but also catching it. At Christina Clark’s Molly Maid home cleaning franchise, some customers who are sick want their homes cleaned and sanitized anyway.

“As soon as we find out someone is sick in a home, we do ask that we reschedule the cleaning until they are feeling better,” says Clark, whose company is based in Pensacola, Florida.

Clark contracts with a company to give staffers flu shots at work. If she has several staffers out of once, it makes it harder to do all the scheduled cleaning jobs; it’s not the kind of work that Clark can hire part-time workers to do.

“I wouldn’t be comfortable with having someone I didn’t know going to a customer’s home,” Clark says.

The employees at Vinnie Sposari’s Mr. Rooter Plumbing franchise have to be careful about germs year-round. Working with bathrooms, kitchens, drains, sewer lines and septic tanks exposes people in the plumbing business to the possibility of all kinds of illnesses.

It’s standard practice at Sposari’s Seattle business for plumbers to put drop cloths down before putting tools on a surface, Sposari says. That’s meant to protect staffers and customers.

Carol Galle’s staffers are continually exposed to germs. Her company, Special D Events, provides administrative services at corporate events; her staffers hand out registration badges at conferences, run errands and help clients and attendees with problems. There’s never-ending contact: shaking hands, passing ID cards back and forth, borrowing pens and staplers. Galle’s 19 staffers are often flying, and planes are well-known germ carriers.

Galle does the best she can to help staffers stay healthy or have an easy recovery. “I have a no-questions-asked policy right now regarding work from home. If you are ill, don’t come in,” says Galle, whose company is based in Ferndale, Michigan.

When her staffers get sick while running an event, Galle has back-up plans including a network of freelancers who can fill in when someone gets sick.

“The show must go on,” Galle says.

# After Auschwitz, survivors bear witness

By **VANESSA GERA and ARON HELLER**  
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Seventy-five years after the killing stopped at Auschwitz, the survivors still bear witness, and many observe the rising hatred and anti-Semitism in the world today with a sense of deep disquiet.

Ahead of commemorations marking the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz by the Soviet army, Associated Press reporters and photographers visited survivors in Germany, Poland, Sweden, Russia, the United States and Israel. Many posed showing the blue tattoos still imprinted on their arms, lifelong testaments of their suffering and loss – one of many ways they continue to warn new generations.

Today, the survivors are mostly in their 80s and 90s. The youngest was only two when the camp was liberated: Eva Umlauf is 77-years-old and still a practicing psychotherapist in Munich. She will be among hundreds traveling from countries around the globe where they settled after surviving the Holocaust to attend the ceremony at Auschwitz next Monday, exactly 75 years after the Jan. 27, 1945, liberation, though some are too frail to leave their homes to attend.

Auschwitz was the most notorious in a system of concentration and extermination camps that Nazi Germany built across Europe. It was operated in occupied Poland, home to Europe’s largest Jewish

population, and at the heart of a railway network that allowed the Nazis to easily transport Jews there from elsewhere across the continent.

The old and infirm were quickly shuttled to their death, often through the iconic watchtower entrance to Birkenau, while those still deemed well enough to serve the Nazi war machine were shepherded through the pathway where the cynical “Arbeit Macht Frei” sign was placed, promising that “work sets you free.”

It didn’t. They were tattooed, hosed down, sheared of their hair and put to slave labor. Provided little clothing or food, they were rammed into cramped barracks locked in behind barbed wire fences. Most withered away before ending up in the crematoria or marched off to their deaths elsewhere as the allies closed in and liberated the camp on Jan. 27, 1945, a date the United Nations has since acknowledged as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

In all, the Nazi German forces killed 1.1 million people at Auschwitz, most of them Jews, in a meticulous German effort to rid Europe of its Jews in a plan dubbed the “Final Solution.”

Overall, the Holocaust claimed 6 million Jewish lives, wiping out a third of world Jewry.

Mordechai Ciechanower, a 95-year-old Auschwitz survivor living in Ramat Gan, Israel says he survived his nearly two years in the camp thanks to his roofing skills and the gen-

erous help of others.

“I died hundreds of times, but kept getting up,” he said. “I never thought I would get out of there, let alone live this long.”

The widowed Ciechanower now has six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and the walls of his apartment are packed with plaques acknowledging his service for leading delegations to visit former concentration camps.

He is not alone in devoting himself to Holocaust education. Many survivors still speak to young people and volunteer in Holocaust museums.

Marta Wise, an 85-year-old Auschwitz survivor, was a sickly 10-year-old girl who was among just several thousand inmates who remained at Auschwitz on the day it was liberated after most had been marched off to die elsewhere. She now volunteers as a guide at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial and spends time with her 14 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Leon Weintraub, a 94-year-old Polish Jew, is horrified by the rising far-right extremism in his homeland, where even some small fringe neo-Nazi groups exist. “This is unbelievable that descendants of Poles killed by the Nazis call (themselves) today Nazis,” he said.

Survivors are also deeply troubled to see politicians seeking to win political points with memories of the war.

A 96-year-old Polish Catholic survivor of Auschwitz and the Ravens-

brueck camp, Zofia Pomyz, began to shake with rage when asked about Russian President Vladimir Putin seeking now to shift blame for the war onto Poland, which was the war’s first victim. “It’s despicable,” she said, recalling how she and her family were fleeing the invading Germans in 1939 only to be told that Soviets had invaded from the east.

Yevgeny Kovalev, a 92-year-old Russian who was imprisoned in Auschwitz from 1943-44 for helping Soviet partisans blow up railways and trains to sabotage the Nazi invaders, recalled whippings so brutal that his shirt became drenched in blood.

“Remembering all that is always like torture for me, can you imagine that. I’m even wondering myself how I could survive those times,” Kovalev said.

At age 98, Leon Schwarzbaum, a retired art dealer, still lives on his own in his Berlin apartment, the walls covered with paintings and old back-and-white pictures of his 35 relatives who perished in the Holocaust. He said he is too frail to travel to Auschwitz, but still goes to schools in Germany regularly to tell the children about the unbearable sufferings he lived through at the death camp.

Schwarzbaum said he is deeply worried about the expanding anti-Semitism in Europe.

“If things get worse, I would not want to live through such times again,” he said. “I would immigrate to Israel right away.”

# Weinstein trial opens, portraying ex-producer as predator

By **MICHAEL R. SISAK and TOM HAYS**  
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NEW YORK — Harvey Weinstein went on trial Wednesday in a landmark moment for the #MeToo movement, with prosecutors painting him as a sexual predator who used his movie-magnate stature to abuse women for decades, while his lawyers sought to discredit his accusers and portray the encounters as consensual.

Prosecutor Meghan Hast told the jury of seven men and five women that the former studio boss was “not just a titan in Hollywood – he was a rapist” who screamed at one victim that she “owed” him sex, used injections to induce an erection before an assault and pushed his way into the apartment of another woman and assaulted her.

“It is for his complete lack of empathy that he must be held accountable,” Hast said.

Weinstein lawyer Damon Cheronis countered by laying out plans to use friendly-sounding emails, calendar entries and other evidence to call the accusers’ accounts of being attacked into question.

The opening of the rape trial more than two years after a barrage of allegations against Weinstein gave rise to #MeToo was seen by activists as a milestone in the global reckoning over sexual misconduct by powerful men. Weinstein’s lawyers, though, have portrayed the case as the result of a climate of accusation run amok.

Weinstein, 67, said lit-

tle as he arrived at court. Asked whether he believed he would have a fair trial, he said yes: “I have good lawyers.”

Guided by aides and lawyers, he wasn’t using the walker he has leaned on lately after a summer car crash and subsequent back surgery. He said he was feeling better.

The once-powerful and feared executive who brought to the screen such Oscar-winning movies as “Pulp Fiction,” “The King’s Speech,” “Shakespeare in Love” and “Chicago” has insisted any sexual encounters were consensual. He could get life in prison if convicted.

Though scores of women have accused Weinstein of sexually harassing or assaulting them over the years, the New York charges are limited to two allegations: that Weinstein raped an aspiring actress in a New York City hotel room in 2013 and forcibly performed oral sex on another woman in his apartment in 2006.

The rape accuser found a needle in the hotel room bathroom after the alleged assault and realized Weinstein had injected himself to get an erection, Hast said.

Another time, after the woman told him she had

a new boyfriend, Weinstein dragged her into a bedroom, “all the while screaming at her that he owed her one more time,” Hast said. “He ripped her jeans off so forcefully that it left scratch marks.”

The prosecutor said Weinstein later told the woman, “I just want to apologize for what happened earlier. I just find you so attractive, I couldn’t resist you.”

In addition to the two women he is charged with attacking, prosecutors plan to call to the stand four other accusers – including actress Annabella Sciorra – in a bid to portray Weinstein as a monster who lured women with offers of career help, then forced himself on them.

“They will each describe their fear, their shame and their humiliation – the struggle each went through to push their trauma down and show a brave face to the world,” Hast said.

Hast detailed allegations that Weinstein sexually assaulted Sciorra around 1993 after giving the “Sopranos” actress a ride home to her Manhattan apartment and forcing his way inside.

“She told him to get out. She told him no. But Harvey Weinstein was undeterred,” Hast said. She said the actress eventually

stopped fighting Weinstein, “hoping it would end,” and was left “emotionally and physically destroyed, passed out on the floor.”

Weinstein’s lawyers made clear they intend to go on the offensive.

Cheronis said the 2013 rape accuser sent Weinstein a request that year asking for “time privately” with him and another message letting him know, “I got a new number. I just wanted you to have it. ... Always good to hear your voice.”

Cherinos said: “These aren’t our words. They’re hers. It is not a relationship based on fear, you are going to see that.”

The Associated Press does not typically identify people who say they have been victims of sexual assault, unless they come forward publicly.

Weinstein’s trial could take more than a month, Judge James Burke said. Judging from the arduous two weeks of jury selection, it could be a hotbed of protests and intense media coverage.

In a failed last-minute push to get the trial moved, Weinstein’s lawyers said protesters’ chants of “The rapist is you!” at street level earlier this month could be heard in the courtroom, 15 floors above.

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## Mavs' Powell has season-ending achilles injury

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks forward Dwight Powell will miss the rest of the season with a torn right Achilles tendon, a blow to a team contending for a play-off spot for the first time in four years.

The club confirmed Wednesday the diagnosis it had feared after Powell was injured in the first quarter of a 110-107 loss to the Los Angeles Clippers. Powell is exploring his options on surgery.

The 28-year-old Powell went down with a non-contact injury with 2:57 left in the first quarter Tuesday night. He was helped to the locker room while putting no weight on his right leg.

Powell, in his sixth season in the NBA, has averaged nearly 10 points and six rebounds a game in 39 previous games.

He had increased his scoring average over each of his first five seasons.

Powell has played all but five of his 371 career games for the Mavericks, arriving from Boston in a five-player trade in December 2014 that also brought point guard Rajon Rondo. Rondo's style clashed with Carlisle, but Powell's energy and productivity in the paint has made him a favorite of the coach.

## Lamar Jackson files trademark for draft-night vow

BALTIMORE (AP) — Despite failing to lead the Ravens to a postseason victory for the second straight season, quarterback Lamar Jackson is still confident he'll bring a championship back to Baltimore.

So confident that he's filing a trademark for his famous draft-night vow.

A trademark for "YOU ARE GOING TO GET A BOWL OUT OF ME, BELIEVE THAT!" was filed in Jackson's name on Jan. 16, five days after the Ravens were eliminated from the playoffs at home by the Tennessee Titans.

When Jackson was selected with the No. 32 overall pick in the 2018 draft, former NFL cornerback and NFL Network's Deion Sanders asked Jackson on the draft stage what his new franchise would get from him.

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# Sweet, Stout lead second half comeback for Knights

By JACOB RUDE  
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When Maconaquah's girls' basketball team shot out of the gates in the first quarter on the road on Tuesday, Southwood didn't panic.

When the Braves fended off a Knight comeback in the third with a buzzer-beating layup heading into the fourth, Southwood didn't panic.

And when the Knights finally took the lead in the fourth ahead of a frantic final few minutes of the game, they never panicked.

The end result was Southwood's biggest win of the season as the Knights overcame a 10-point first-half deficit to win 54-50 over the Braves for their third consecutive win.

"The thing that I was most proud of was that (Maconaquah) came out and made everything and I didn't see panic because we're finally realizing we're a good enough team now that we can do things like that," Southwood head coach Chad West said. "We just kept chipping. Then, when we got the lead, we didn't give it back up. We played smart, we controlled the ball, we only took the shot we should have, we made enough free throws. Just a really smart win for us."

The Braves flew out to a 20-8 advantage after one quarter behind four three-pointers in the period. But the lead, which briefly touched 14 points in the first,

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Southwoos's Sierra Stout lays the ball up during the second half of Tuesday's game against Maconaquah.

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# Swanner, Horton too much for Apaches

By CHUCK LANDIS  
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GAS CITY – Great back-court play is a huge advantage in high school boys' basketball and one of the big reasons Mississinewa won its ninth-straight game Tuesday evening.

With Landen Swanner scoring 20 points and his partner Anthony Horton adding 19, the Class 3A 12th-ranked Indians pulled away beginning in the second quarter to a 68-48 victory over Wabash on Fredenberger Court.

Ole Miss (11-2) fed off Swanner's offense and Horton's energy and strength to throttle an Apaches team that entered play at 8-2 and on a seven-game win streak. An 11-4 run to start the second quarter put the Indians ahead 25-14 and their advantage never was less than six points thereafter.

"Yeah, our guys came out and were ready," Ole Miss coach James Reed said. "We knew Wabash was going to come and we really challenged them. Wabash was 8-2 and this was a huge statement game for them if they could beat us. Our guys responded well to that and figured this one out as a team."

Both teams could be contenders in the upcoming IH-SAA state tournament with Ole Miss 10th in the Sagarin Class 3A ratings and Wabash 11th in 2A. Yet, the Apaches never could match the Indians' intensity, particularly in an 8-2 run over the final minute of the first half and fell behind 39-25 at halftime.

"In the first quarter we stopped their transition pretty well, but we didn't get back well on defense after the first quarter," Wabash coach Paul Wright said. "We were hoping we could come in and play a little bit better, but we'll learn from this and move on. We've got a big (Three Rivers) conference game Friday (at North Miami)."

Wright has seen Horton

create plenty of havoc on both ends of the court over the last three years. Besides his offensive play, Horton helped lock down Apaches' top scorer Trenton Daughtry, who scored eight points on a 16.7-point average.

"Horton's really good," Wright said. "Thank God he's a senior – he's killed us every year we've played them. His ability ability to penetrate and he's so strong and physical and can get off the floor so well.

"And Swanner can shoot it as soon as he walks in," Wright added. "Those are the two best (guards) we've seen all year and maybe the two best we'll see. It was a good test for us."

Swanner made the only 3-point shot he attempted and was 7-of-11 overall with a series of pull-up 15-foot jumpers. The junior sank all three free throws on another occasion he stepped behind the arc and was fouled. He also contributed five rebounds, two assists and two blocked shots.

Horton applied the knock-out blow to open the second half with three consecutive baskets in transition and stake the Indians to a commanding 45-25 lead. For the game, Horton was 8-of-15 from the floor, 3-of-6 at the foul line and filled out the stat sheet with four rebounds, three assists and four steals.

"Yeah, I think it's one of the best (backcourts) in the state, it's got to be," Reed said. "With Anthony's ability going to basket and now he's improved his mid-range game and can hit the three. Landen with all the options he has and he's a great shooter but only shot it once of twice from three. Most of his stuff was going to the basket. "When you combine that it's hard to guard," Reed added. "Which one do you try to take away."

Mississinewa's guard duo is becoming a trio with Hayden Ulerick continuing to pick up his scoring. The 5-9 sophomore provided a third double-digit scorer

with 10 points and led Ole Miss with seven rebounds.

Tai McClung added eight points and four rebounds as the junior post battled with Wabash's 6-8 Elijah Vander Velden. Vander Velden was neutralized after picking up two early fouls and he collected six points and seven rebounds.

Jared Holley almost single-handedly kept Wabash close early with 17 of his 21 points in the first half, and the senior also pulled down 10 rebounds. The Apaches shot just 35 percent from the floor (22-of-62) and really struggled to 1-of-18 from 3-point range.

Wright pulled his starters after falling behind 20 points in the second half and said he found some missing energy from his bench.

"I just didn't like how we came out and competed," Wright said. "We're not looking for people to play perfect. I just thought at that time we weren't competing

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# No. 21 Illinois runs away in 2nd half to sweep Purdue

By MICHAEL MAROT  
Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — After watching No. 21 Illinois play an uncharacteristic first half Tuesday night, coach Brad Underwood gave his team some simple instructions.

Then the Fighting Illini reverted to form.

Kofi Cockburn scored 22 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, Trent Frazier added 21 points and Illinois pulled away in the second half to beat Purdue 79-62.

"I don't know if you can ever count on going 9 of 10 to start the second half, but I thought our guys executed," Underwood said. "All you can ask is for an opposing coach or players to say 'You guys played really, really hard and out toughed us.' "

It's another milestone victory for the resurgent Illini (14-5, 6-2 Big Ten), winners of five straight.

They're off to their best conference start since 2005-06, ended a seven-game losing streak at Mackey Arena and swept the season series with Purdue for the first time since 2008-09.

And after an atypical start to the game, Underwood got his team to follow a more common theme over the final 20 minutes. They outscored Purdue 50-32 in the second half, never giving the Boilermakers a chance.

Nojel Eastern had 14 points and Trevion Williams scored 12 to lead Purdue (10-9, 4-4), which has lost four of five and watched a 15-game winning streak in conference home games end.

"We were struggling to keep them out of the paint," said Matt Haarms, who had 10 points, six rebounds and three blocks. "That was one of the points of emphasis before the game and we just weren't to able to execute it.""

The Illini swung the momentum quickly, opening the second half with seven straight points to erase a 30-29 halftime lead. Then, after making five straight baskets to make it 49-39 with 13:30 to play, they extended the margin to 60-45 on Giorgi Bezhanishvili's 3-pointer with 8:27 left.

Underwood's defense didn't allow Purdue to get closer than nine again.

"They didn't do anything differently (in the second half), they executed better," Purdue coach Matt Painter said. "Illinois' fight is so much better than ours. They have a great competitive spirit."

## BIG PICTURE

**Illinois:** The Illini pulled off a rare feat by winning a Big Ten road game. And the reason is obvious – defense travels. Illinois came into the game allowing 57.3 points as teams shot just 36.6 percent from the field and 31.1 percent on 3s during their previous four wins. They weren't quite as good Tuesday, allowing Purdue to shoot 41.1 percent from the field and 37.5 percent on 3s – but they were more than good enough.

**Purdue:** The Boilermakers keep struggling to score, and it caught up to them again on Tuesday. After scoring only 37

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# 3 former Dolphins provide Super Bowl boost to Chiefs

**By DAVE SKRETTA**  
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs saw value in a trio of players that were essentially castoffs from what was one of the least-successful franchises in the NFL over the past 10 years, and their decision to pick them up when just about nobody else was calling is a big reason why they’re playing in the Super Bowl.

The biggest move was picking up Damien Williams, who has gone from journeyman running back to an integral part of one of the league’s best offenses. Back-up quarterback Matt Moore filled in admirably when Pat Mahomes was hurt this season, and safety Jordan Lucas played on just about every Chiefs special teams unit.

All three once played for the Dolphins.

Now, all three are headed back to Miami.

“It’s a big stage and a big

moment,” Williams said. “I’m a pride-type person. I like to take pride. At the end of the day, this could be your last run, your last play, so you have to go at it as such. I’m going hard every single day.”

Each of those three players know quite well that any game could be their last.

Williams spent his first four seasons with the Dolphins, playing in 58 games and even taking over the starting role for a four-game stretch in 2017. But when they no longer envisioned Williams in their future, he signed a one-year prove-it deal with Kansas City to be the backup to Kareem Hunt, who was just then emerging as a star.

Then last season, Hunt was kicked off the team following an ugly off-the-field incident, and Williams took over down the stretch. He ran for 129 yards and a touchdown while also catching a touchdown pass in a playoff win

over Indianapolis, and he added two touchdowns receiving and another rushing in the Chiefs’ overtime AFC title game loss to New England.

That was enough to give Williams the No. 1 job entering this season. But injury trouble that has followed him throughout his career popped up again – it was a shoulder injury two years ago, a rib injury this year. He was sidelined for a long stretch in the middle of the season, and veteran LeSean McCoy and a host of others handled the majority of the reps.

The time off might have done Williams some good, though. He’s been healthy and fresh when Kansas City has needed him most, scoring four touchdowns the past two weeks to give him a franchise-record eight TDs in the postseason.

“He’s playing good football,” Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. “He was banged up and he worked through it.

I think he’s done a nice job. Playing physical and running hard. Been impressed with his game right now, catching the ball well too.”

The Chiefs’ offense isn’t necessarily predicated on the run, especially with Mahomes under center. But Williams does just enough to keep defenses honest, and his ability to block and catch in the passing game has proven invaluable.

Asked what he does best, Williams replied: “I’m great at blocking. I can get out, I can catch, I can run between the tackles – I can do a lot of different things to disguise what we’re doing, whether it’s running or passing.”

The 35-year-old Moore was coaching high school football when the Chiefs lost backup quarterback Chad Henne late in the preseason and gave him a call. He had spent seven seasons with the Dolphins and went 8-9 as a starter, but nobody really showed much interest in him

last season and he spent an entire year away from the NFL.

His value came in Week 7, when Mahomes dislocated his kneecap in Denver. Moore finished off that win, played well the next week against Green Bay, then led the Chiefs to a win over playoff-bound Minnesota. That victory wound up being even more crucial by Week 17, when Kansas City narrowly earned the No. 2 playoff seed and a first-round bye.

That allowed them to play the AFC championship game at Arrowhead Stadium, beating Tennessee last Sunday.

“It’s been wild,” said Moore, who was inactive against the Titans because of an illness, but who is expected to return to his normal backup duties for the Super Bowl. “In this league, you never know.”

Lucas played sparingly on defense this season, but he played about 80 percent of

snaps on special teams and gave Kansas City some additional depth when safety Juan Thornhill sustained a season-ending knee injury. He was traded from Miami for a seventh-round pick in August 2018, then played well enough to earn a \$2.025 million contract this season.

Together, the three ex-Dolphins have played an integral part in the Chiefs’ first Super Bowl appearance in 50 years.

“To single out one guy would be a disservice to everyone else who busts their tail,” Chiefs general manager Brett Veach said, when asked which move made him proudest. “We watch a lot of tape and some of these small signings that people think aren’t a big deal, to us they are. It is a battle of attrition. You have to have enough bodies out there to make it a full season. I’d say everybody me and my staff put the time and effort to bring here, they all pay the bills.”

# 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan reflects on blown Super Bowl

**By JOSH DUBOW**  
AP Pro Football Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Kyle Shanahan’s play calls from his first trip to the Super Bowl as an offensive coordinator have been heavily scrutinized.

That’s to be expected after Shanahan’s Falcons blew a 28-3 lead to the New England Patriots and lost in overtime three years ago in part because Atlanta was unable to run out the clock or add to the lead.

Shanahan is back in the title game as head coach for the San Francisco 49ers. That’s led to a rehashing of that game in Houston even if Shanahan has put it far behind him.

“Not much at all anymore, to tell you the truth,” he said this week when asked if he still goes over that game. “You do it every second. The days after were real tough. Losing a Super Bowl is extremely tough for everybody, especially when you lose one when you have a 28-3 lead. The way it came down on me personally, I didn’t react to that, the way people would expect, because there

were definitely parts in that Super Bowl that I would love to have back and stuff I was very hard on myself, but the whole narrative of if I would’ve just ran it, we would’ve won. I know that wasn’t the case.”

Shanahan said there’s just one play call he’d like to have back from that day and it’s not calling for a third-down pass midway through the fourth quarter that led to a sack-fumble that allowed the Patriots to make it a one-possession game.

The call he’d like back came on the next drive after the Falcons had used two long pass plays to move the ball down to the New England 22 with less than five minutes left.

Three straight runs could have forced the Patriots to burn their timeouts and led to a field goal that would have given Atlanta an 11-point lead that might have been too much for even Tom Brady to overcome.

But after losing a yard on a first-down run, Shanahan called for a pass play that he still regrets.

“They played a different coverage, didn’t get the call

I wanted so I didn’t like the call,” he said. “I was hoping we could just get rid of it, but they had a pretty good rush and got a sack.”

Now backed up to the 35, Shanahan called for another pass to get back into field-goal range on third down only to have a 9-yard gain negated by a holding penalty. An incompletion on third down led to a punt from the 45, setting up Brady’s game-tying drive.

“I wish I didn’t call that play on second-and-11 that led to that sack,” Shanahan said.

Now the coordinator who called one too many pass plays in his first trip to the Super Bowl is back to the title game as a head coach with one of the most run-dominant play scripts in NFL history.

The 49ers have run the ball on about three-quarters of their plays so far this post-season, the highest rate of runs in the playoffs since Don Shula’s Dolphins threw the ball just 31 times with Hall of Famer Bob Griese at quarterback on the way to the championship following the 1973 season.

Jimmy Garoppolo threw the

ball just 19 times in the divisional round win over Minnesota and then was limited to eight passes last week in the NFC championship game against Green Bay.

Shanahan instead has kept dialing up successful runs, including a trap play on third-and-8 that led to a 36-yard touchdown run by Raheem Mostert to open the scoring last week against the Packers.

The Niners have run the ball 89 times the past two games, something Shanahan might have been more hesitant to do earlier in his coaching career.

“I didn’t play o-line growing up,” he said. “So, when I first became a coach all I wanted to do was throw it. I played receiver and quarterback my whole life. So, that’s all you want to do. And you lean toward that, but the longer you do it, you realize that no matter how cool of passes you can draw up, you’ve got to protect, you’ve got to do things, you can’t put all the pressure on the quarterback. And the thing that does make it a lot easier is being able to run the ball. Running the ball takes pressure off everyone and puts pressure on the defense.”

# Mets pick Luis Rojas to replace Carlos Beltrán as manager

**By MIKE FITZPATRICK**  
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — The New York Mets are finalizing a multiyear agreement with quality control coach Luis Rojas to make him the team’s manager, staying in-house to replace the ousted Carlos Beltrán, general manager Brodie Van Wagenen said Wednesday.

“I think it’s the fit. It’s where the team is. I think it’s the culture we’re trying to create,” Van Wagenen said.

Rojas would take over for Beltrán, who left the Mets last week before managing a single game as part of the fallout from the Houston Astros’ sign-stealing scandal.

The 38-year-old Rojas is the son of former Montreal Expos and San Francisco Giants manager Felipe Alou and the brother of ex-big leaguer Moises Alou. The former minor league manager has been with the organization since 2007 but had never coached in the majors before joining Mickey Callaway’s staff last season.

“He has a good finger on the pulse of this team,” Van Wagenen said.

Callaway was fired after the season, and Rojas interviewed for the vacancy in November before New York hired Beltrán.

Beltrán’s tenure lasted 2½ months and ended after baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred singled him out in a report on a cheating scheme used by the Astros during their World Series championship season in 2017. The Mets announced he was out as manager three days later.

Rojas, born in the Dominican Republic, played minor league ball with the Orioles, Marlins and Expos/Nationals from 2000-05 but never got above rookie ball.

He coached for New York in the Dominican Summer League in 2007, got his first managerial role with the Mets’ rookie-level Gulf Coast League team in 2011 and also coached at Class-A and Double-A. Notably, he was manager at Double-A Binghamton during Pete Alonso’s breakout 2018 season, when he led the minors with 36 home runs.

“Loved having Luis in ‘17 and ‘18 as my AA manager!” Alonso tweeted. “It’s awesome playing under him and having him on staff last year as well!!! Super pumped to have him as the Jeffe. Also he throws some damn good bp.”

“LUIS ROJAS! Love love love it,” added pitcher Marcus Stroman on Twitter. “Loved being around him on the bench last year. Always teaching and full of knowledge. Super laid back and brings nothing but great vibes each and every day. Beyond even keel. Excited even more for the year!”

Rojas was voted Best Managerial Candidate by his peers three times as a minor league manager in polling by Baseball America. He also managed the Dominican team at last fall’s Premier12 Olympic qualifying event.

Houston manager AJ Hinch and Boston skipper Alex Cora were also fired after being named in MLB’s sign-stealing report. Neither the Astros nor Red Sox have named replacements.

# UConn vs Tennessee rivalry renewed in women’s hoops Thursday

**By DOUG FEINBERG**  
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — For more than a decade, the rivalry in women’s basketball was Tennessee and UConn.

After a 13-year absence, the teams will play again Thursday night, broadcast at 7 p.m. EST on ESPN from Hartford, Connecticut.

The powerhouse teams led by Hall of Fame coaches Pat Summitt and Geno Auriemma put the sport on the national scene starting with their historic first matchup and No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown in 1995. The Associated Press Top 25 poll usually would have come out that day before the game, but a decision was made to hold it off until afterward – the only time that’s happened in the history of the rankings.

“It was the game. It was so intense,” former Tennessee star Tamika Catchings said. “It was the game you got pumped up for. It was do or die in the basketball sense. It was the game you knew was coming and you prepared for in the first half of the season.”

The Huskies and Lady Vols played 22 times over a 12-year span, with each one being a circle the calendar type of game whether it was in Knoxville, Tennessee, Storrs, Connecticut or UConn leads the all-time series 13-9, including 4-0 in the national championship game.

The series ended after the

2007 season when Summitt called it off. Auriemma said at the time that Summitt had accused the Huskies of a recruiting violation. Summitt never went public into specifics about why she ended the series. Summitt died in 2016 at age 64 of Alzheimer’s disease.

“Pat was a woman of high principles. When she discontinued the series with Connecticut, I trusted it was for good reason,” said former Lady Vols player Michelle Brooke-Marciniak. “Only Pat knows the real reasons she halted the series, and Pat took those reasons to the grave with her.”

When the teams played, it was must-see TV. Now that they are meeting again for a home-and-home set in the next two years, Auriemma knows that it will be different.

“We turned that spigot off, let’s turn it back on. It won’t be the same,” he said. “The coaching is different, the players are different, the media cycles are different. I don’t think it should be (the same). If we’re back to that, then you know what, we haven’t made the progress we think we’ve made. ... What’s a bigger game this year, us and Oregon or us and Tennessee? Tennessee for the nostalgia stuff, Oregon for the real stuff.”

ESPN commentator Rebecca Lobo, who played in that first game in 1995 won by UConn, is excited the series

is back, but isn’t sure what will happen.

“It’s not what it used to be, and I don’t know what it is until we see it on Thursday,” she said. “Will it be that Thursday will come and go? Or will it be something more? I’m looking forward to seeing how it all plays out.”

Former Tennessee coach Holly Warlick, a longtime assistant of Summitt’s who helped set up Thursday’s game, told The AP that the reason she agreed to restart the series because it will benefit the Pat Summitt Foundation. Proceeds from both games will go to it, along with the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

The Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame also will receive proceeds from the 2020-21 meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee.

First-year Lady Vols coach Kellie Harper has fond memories of when she played in the rivalry for Tennessee from 1995-99.

“Fans got into this game. There was an intensity about the game. There was high-quality basketball being played, so even people who didn’t have a dog in the fight were interested in the game because it was fun to watch,” she said. “For us as players, it was fun to play in those games. These were some of our biggest crowds. I think we all enjoyed it. We enjoyed the competition.”

She isn’t sure if the series will continue after next year.

“I don’t (have an opinion) yet. I’m sure at some point I will have an opinion, but I don’t yet. I think right now we’re in it, we understand it. We’re looking at it as an opportunity and kind of see how it goes,” she said. “I think part of that, honestly for us, will be the rest of our schedule and how that plays out. Just how we move forward with them and what other stipulations do we have, whether it’s two-year, four-year ... and television coverage. There’s just a lot of things that go into it.”

Candace Parker plans to watch the game on TV on Thursday night if her schedule permits. She was a big part of the last meeting in 2007. She had 30 points, 12 rebounds, six blocks and the sixth dunk of her career to lead the Lady Vols 70-64 win.

As great as that game was for her, Parker’s favorite memory is she never lost in her two games to the Huskies.

“It’s something that I always would mention to Coach Auriemma when he would make comments during USA Basketball practice,” she said, laughing. “I’m happy for women’s basketball fans. I think it’s great. I think it’ll be a good rivalry that’s restored, and it’ll be a lot of fun.”

Most of the current players on both teams were in elementary school for the last meeting, but they’re aware of the history.

# NJ OKs XFL bets, 6th state to allow wagers on revived league

**By WAYNE PARRY**  
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — New Jersey gambling regulators have authorized betting on XFL football games, becoming the sixth state to authorize wagers on the revived league.

The state Division of Gaming Enforcement added the XFL to its list of approved events for sports betting on Jan. 15.

The league’s games will now be wagered on in the two largest states for sports betting – Nevada and New Jersey. Gamblers in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Rhode Island and Iowa also will be able to bet on the XFL, according to the league. Approvals from additional states could come soon.

“Legal sports betting is an important way for fans

to engage with our game in New Jersey and other communities across the country,” said Jeffrey Pollack, the XFL’s president and chief operating officer. “With the kickoff to our season less than three weeks away, we’re excited to get going.”

The XFL’s rules differ from the NFL’s in several ways, including the option to seek 1, 2 or 3 points from the 2, 5 or 10-yard line after scoring a touchdown. The XFL will also allow a team to throw two forward passes on the same play as long as both happen behind the line of scrimmage.

After a one-and-done season in 2001, the league owned by World Wrestling Entertainment president Vince McMahon will try again starting Feb. 8.



Talkative woman gives her friend the silent treatment

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a busy woman. My friend "Adele" was calling me excessively on my cellphone. She would call up to three times every day, even when I was at work. When I would take her call, she'd start questioning me, asking me what I was so busy with. At times she would lecture me about things she thought I should be doing.

Dear Abby



Her perfectionism and nonstop phone calls were smothering me. I finally asked her, as graciously as I could, to please stop the excessive calling. Now she no longer speaks to me at all.

We were friends for years, but the constant contact was stressing me out. Do you think I have ruined this friendship, or is this something that will blow over? — Smothered On The East Coast

**DEAR SMOTHERED:** Adele should not have been calling you multiple times every day, especially while you were at work, which could have had a negative effect on your job performance. It was not rude to ask her to stop and to explain why.

It appears that while your friend had no hesitation to lecture you about what you "should" do, she was hypersensitive when it came to receiving some constructive criticism. You haven't heard from her because she is trying to punish you. Consider yourself lucky. You haven't ruined the friendship; she has.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a gay man. I moved to this city to be with my boyfriend six years ago. We have since broken up and gone our separate ways.

When I moved here, I left behind my family, friends and all I had ever known to be with him, but something just never felt right here. Since the breakup, this city has felt less and less like home, but the problem is, I never really felt at home in the town I grew up in either. It was a small, repressed community where if you even said the word "gay," most people were ready to shun you. Only some of my closest and dearest friends and a few family members really accepted me.

I guess my problem now is, I just don't know what to do. I'm trying to find my place in this world. Any advice you can offer or help you can give would be greatly appreciated. — No Place Feels Like Home

**DEAR NO PLACE:** Go on the internet and start researching cities that have a sizable gay community in which you can meet other gay people. Your next step should be to see what employment opportunities are available there for someone with your skill set. If you make the move, I predict it won't take you long to feel at home because you will find the emotional support you are looking for. I wish you luck on what I am sure will be an exciting and rewarding step forward in your life.

**DEAR ABBY:** I sent a VERY nice watch to my grandson for his 23rd birthday. The first thing he did was have it appraised for value and authenticity. The second thing he did was let me know he did it. I am flabbergasted and somewhat offended.

Additionally, this grandson and his siblings seem never to have been taught the importance of a handwritten thank-you note. Am I wrong and old-fashioned? — Not So Sure In The South

**DEAR NOT SO SURE:** Not in my book. Good manners never go out of fashion. But don't blame your grandson or his siblings for the breach of etiquette. Parents are supposed to teach their children the social niceties, and it appears theirs fell down on the job.

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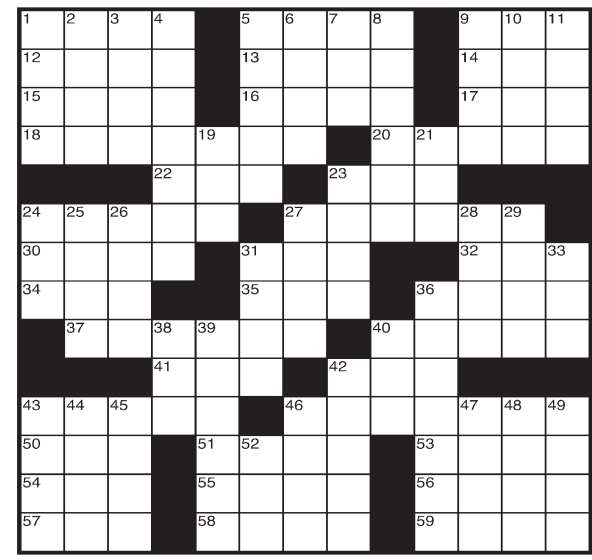
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Yesterdays' Jumbles: HYENA WAIVE BITTER GERBIL

Answer: The courtroom was brand-new, and the judge was ready to — GIVE IT A TRY

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Wow! I didn't think it would work. Looking good, honey!

So, how does it look?

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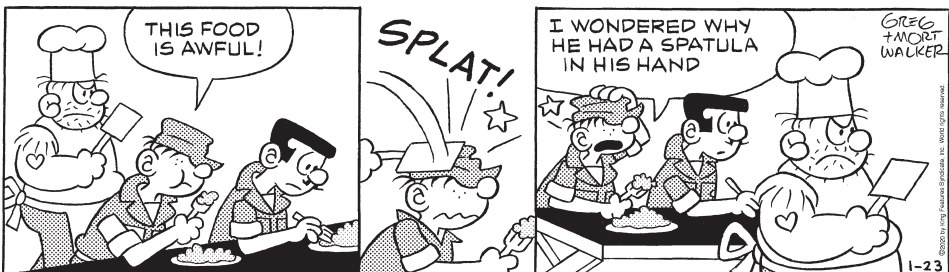
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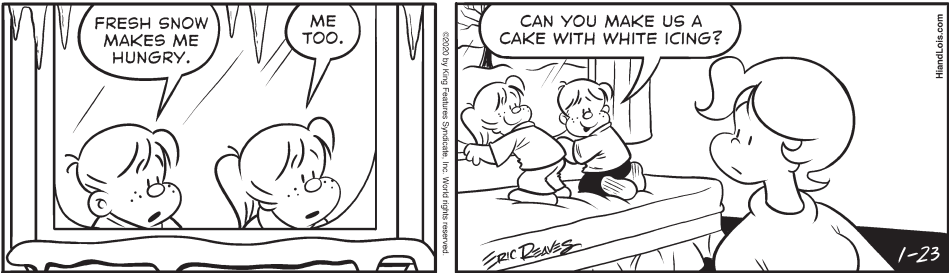
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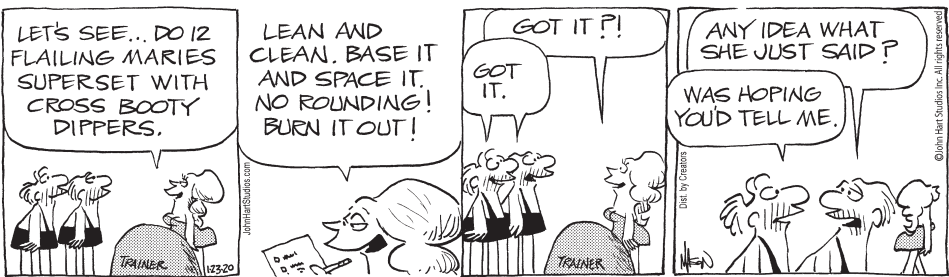
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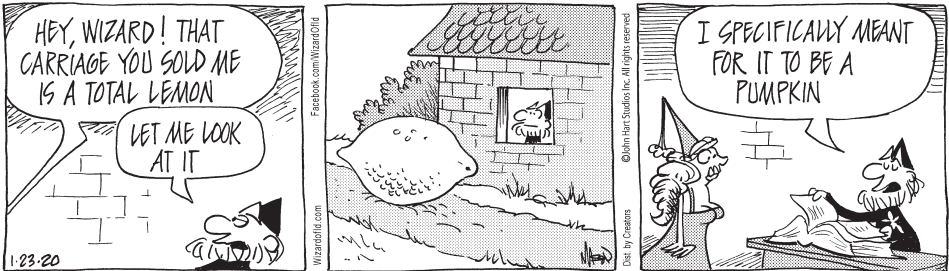
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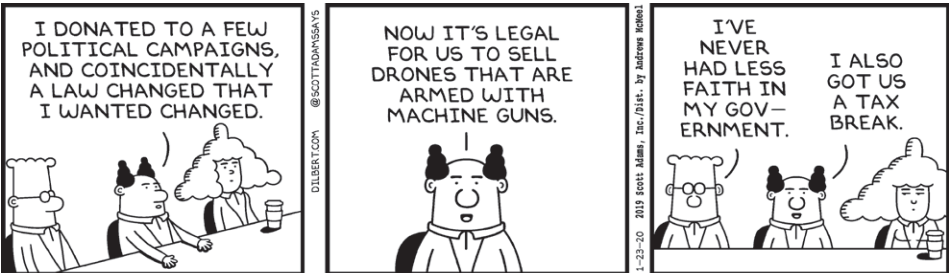
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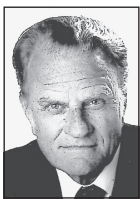
The church, the body of Christ, will never fail

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** What are the Seven Letters to the Seven Churches and does it have anything to do with the church today? — C.W.

**A:** The book of Revelation contains seven letters dictated to the Apostle John to be sent to the seven churches in Asia. Pastors today would do well to take up a serious study of these with their congregations. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" (Revelation 2:11).

Billy Graham My Answer



Christ's examination of His churches at that time is also an indictment on the church today. While His words sting with truth, they are also full of wonderful promises of what can happen when we heed His warnings and follow His commands, which bring conviction, repentance,

and purification. Only then can the church really be effective.

A man once wrote, "For two thousand years the church has been in existence, and we still have war and misery. The church is a failure." But that would be like saying that penicillin is a failure when a patient refuses to take it and follow its directions, or that sulfa drugs are a failure when the physician neglects to prescribe them.

The church, the body of Christ, will never fail. However, when churches turn away from God's Word to chase after the worldly

system, they stumble and fall. There is a vast difference between godliness and worldliness. There is a crisis today of many professing Christians walking hand-in-hand with the world, making it difficult to distinguish the Christian from the unbeliever. This should never be.

But the church was not designed to stop wars or to solve misery. The church was designed to proclaim God's love and forgiveness to all people and declare that Jesus Christ came to eradicate sin in people's hearts. May believers be the church Christ intends it to be.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"GEIZZFOC U MUMA FZ SFRI TYPPFOC UO WVPWTYZ FOPW U ZPEFOC MUC, HURFOC ZYEI OWOI WD PJI UEHZ JUOC WYP." — VJEFZ IXUOZ

Previous Solution: "It is our job — as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles — to find books our kids are going to like." — James Patterson

TODAY'S CLUE: A sɪnɪsɪv



# China virus outbreak may wallop economy, financial markets

By **ELAINE KURTENBACH**  
Associated Press

BANGKOK — News that a new virus that has afflicted hundreds of people in central China can spread between humans has rattled financial markets and raised concern it might wallop the economy just as it might be regaining momentum.

Health authorities across Asia have been stepping up surveillance and other precautions to prevent a repeat of the disruptions and deaths during the 2003 SARS crisis, which caused \$40 billion to \$50 billion in losses from reduced travel and spending.

The first cases of what has been identified as a novel coronavirus were linked to a seafood market in Wuhan, suggesting animal-to-human transmission, but it now is also thought to be spread between people. As of Wednesday, more than 500 people were confirmed infected and 17 had died from the illness, which can cause pneumonia and other severe respiratory symptoms.

A retreat in financial markets on Tuesday was followed by a rebound on Wednesday, as investors snapped up bargains. Share benchmarks were mostly higher both in Asia, Europe and the U.S.

While the new virus appears much less dangerous than SARS, “the most significant Asia risk could lie ahead as the regional peak travel season takes hold, which could multiply the disease diffusion,” said Stephen Innes, chief Asian strategist for AxiCorp. “So, while the risk is returning to the market, the lights might not turn green until we move through the Lunar New Year travel season to better gauge the coronavirus dispersion.”

The 2003 outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome in China, along with

cases of a deadly form of bird flu, resulted in widespread quarantine measures in many Chinese cities and in Hong Kong. More than 8,000 people fell sick and just under 800 people died, a mortality rate of under 10 percent.

While the ordinary flu kills hundreds of thousands of people each year, such new diseases raise alarm due to the uncertainties over how deadly they might be and how they might spread. That’s especially true during the annual mass travel of the Lunar New Year festival, which begins this week.

“The cost to the global economy can be quite staggering in negative GDP terms if this outbreak reaches epidemic proportions,” Innes said in a report.

In China, health officials stepped up screening for fevers. “We ask the public to avoid crowds and minimize the public gatherings to reduce the possibility of cross infection,” Li Bin, deputy director of the National Health Commission, said Wednesday.

As with SARS, the impact of the disease is likely to fall heaviest on specific industries, such as hotels and airlines, railways, casinos and other leisure businesses and retailers, analysts said.

In a statement on its website Wednesday, Shanghai Disney Resort said it was operating normally but understood if some guests wished to change their travel plans. The park said it would let guests reschedule their visits or refund their money.

China’s Civil Aviation Administration called on airlines to offer free refunds for tickets in or out of Wuhan.

“If the pneumonia couldn’t be contained in the short term, we expect China’s retail sales, tourism, hotel & catering, travel activities likely to be hit, especially

in the first and second quarters,” said Ning Zhang of UBS. Government efforts to offset the shock would help, but growth will likely rebound less than earlier forecast, Zhang said.

The outbreak is a boon, meanwhile, for pharmaceutical companies and makers of protective masks and other medical gear.

As of Jan. 17, the World Health Organization had not recommended any international restrictions on travel but urged local authorities to work with the travel industry to help prevent the disease from spreading while warning travelers who fall ill to seek medical attention.

The illness is yet another blow for Hong Kong, whose economy is reeling from months of often violent anti-government protests. The wider concern is China, where the economy grew at a 30-year low 6.1 percent annual pace in 2019. An interim trade pact between Beijing and Washington had raised hopes that some pressure from tensions between the two biggest economies might ease, and the latest data have showed signs of improved demand for exports.

The virus outbreak raises the risk such optimism might be premature.

“We expect increased downward pressure on China’s growth, particularly in the services sector,” said Ting Lu and other analysts at Nomura in Hong Kong, who based their projections on the spread of the SARS virus.

The growing number of global travelers has contributed to the spread of various diseases in recent years, including Middle East respiratory syndrome, the Ebola and Zika viruses, the plague, measles and other highly contagious illnesses.

The World Economic Forum estimates that pandem-

ics – cross-border outbreaks like the flu that killed 50 million people a century ago – have the potential to cause an \$570 billion in annual economic losses.

The 2014-16 Ebola virus epidemic caused losses amounting to over \$2.2 billion, according to the World Bank. That includes a 40 percent decrease in the number of working Liberians at the height of the crisis, lower exports and harvests, and costs for combating the disease.

Apart from the human tragedy, such crises gobble up resources needed for other government spending, exacting a harsh toll on the poorest economies. In Africa, the loss of health care workers to Ebola resulted in thousands more deaths of mothers and babies, hindered work on other diseases such as preventing and treating malaria, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, reduced vaccination rates and fewer surgeries, the World Bank said in a report.

Many survivors, meanwhile, suffer from lingering effects of the illnesses and the powerful drugs used to save their lives, becoming more vulnerable to hunger and other risks.

At the same time, increasingly sophisticated tools for collecting data and analyzing are aiding efforts to prepare for and cope with severe disease outbreaks.

In 2016, the World Bank set up a \$500 million rapid response insurance fund, working with the WHO and insurance companies, to combat pandemics in developing countries. The fund uses “cat bonds,” or catastrophe bonds, whose principal will be lost if the funds are needed to help deal with an outbreak. Private insurers have followed with products of their own meant to hedge against risks from such disasters.

# Facing humiliating controls, Lebanese focus their fury on banks

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BEIRUT — Before picking up cash from a downtown bank in Lebanon’s capital, Mey Al Sayegh mentally braces herself for what would have been a routine trip before the country’s crippling cash crunch.

For starters, it will be at least an hour’s wait in line before her turn comes. And if she’s lucky, she’ll be able to withdraw \$300 – the weekly limit on dollar withdrawals imposed by banks to preserve liquidity – without having to bargain with the teller.

“I tell my family ‘I’m going to the bank, but I don’t know when I’ll return,’” said the communications manager. “It’s very unpleasant. You see people’s expression – worried, confused, they’re scared that they’re going to lose their deposits.”

For years, many Lebanese have lived beyond their means, supporting their out-sized spending with loans and generous remittances from diaspora relatives scattered across the globe, including family members working in oil-rich Arab Gulf countries.

A severe financial crisis and unprecedented capital controls have put an end to this, uniting both rich and poor in anger against corrupt politicians who have brought the country to the brink of economic collapse, and a banking system they accuse of holding their deposits hostage.

In recent days, some protesters have taken out their ire on the banks, destroying ATMs, smashing bank windows and clashing with tellers behind the counter.

Dozens of protesters have held sit-ins at banks against the fiscal policies, forcing tellers on more than one occasion to give them more than the weekly limit. Dem-

onstrators routinely gather in front of the country’s Central Bank, jeering and hurling expletives at its governor, Riad Salameh, who was once ranked among the world’s top central bank governors.

“You go to a bank, get a ticket, and there are at least 50-60 people in front of you,” said Mahmoud Sayida, a tour guide whose money is trapped with one of the country’s largest lenders. “It’s as though you are lining up for bread in the war days.”

The crisis in Lebanon, one of the most heavily indebted nations in the world, is rooted in decades of state corruption and bad management, and the tiny Mediterranean country’s economy had been in steady decline for years. The local currency, pegged to the dollar for more than two decades, has lost more than 50 percent of its value in recent weeks on the black market.

Fearing a crisis, depositors in the past year had been quietly withdrawing their money, changing it from the local currency to dollars, or funneling it to bank accounts abroad.

At the onset of nationwide protests that broke out in mid-October, banks closed their doors for 12 working days. When they reopened, they faced an unprecedented rush to withdraw dollars, resulting in the limits on withdrawals and foreign transfers.

But there was no legal basis for such actions, leaving it up to the banks to implement their own controls on a case-by-case basis. Meanwhile, ATM machines have mostly stopped dispensing dollars and daily limits on credit card use have been implemented. Many restaurants and shops, strapped for cash, are refusing card payments.

People say they are being

subjected to humiliation by the banks and their managers who ultimately have the power to decide who gets how much.

People with children studying abroad need to offer proof before they are allowed to transfer their tuition money. Patients are required to produce paperwork proving they need money for surgery before they can withdraw cash from their accounts. To get credit card limits temporarily increased, customers are asked by some banks to produce a plane ticket and documentation proving a stay abroad longer than two weeks.

The measures are forcing families to limit expenditures and prioritize daily necessities. Simple activities, such as going to a cafe or a restaurant, are now considered luxuries, even for those with money or jobs.

Sullen moods have overcome depositors and lenders alike, whose employees say they are afraid to show up at work because of fights breaking out inside banks and people cursing them every day.

Among those protesting recently was 23-year-old student Mariam Ayyad whose family – like many other Lebanese – relies on remittances to finance expenses.

“My dad lives in Saudi (Arabia) and used to send dollars to pay for my tuition here. But Western Union was giving us the price from the Central Bank at a terrible rate, so now I had to withdraw from spring classes because I can’t afford it,” said Ayyad, who was demonstrating for the second time since the start of the nationwide protests. “My rent is in dollars and I can’t pay it.”

Mohammed, who runs a toy shop, normally sends money to his son in Paris to pay his university tuition

through the Online Money Transfer, or OMT – an agent of Western Union in Lebanon. But the last time he tried, three weeks ago, he was rejected and told to bring proof of his son’s enrollment at the university.

“Now, you have to make a demand and prove that you have a son who is studying there,” he said, asking to be identified only by his first name so he could speak freely.

Customers requesting dollars must wait in long bank lines.

At 11 a.m. on a recent day, the line at a private bank in Beirut’s Salim Salam district was at customer 189. Some customers reported having to bargain with employees at the desk after being told they could not receive their allotted \$300, or only part of it.

Al Sayegh, the communications manager, receives her salary in dollars from a bank. She said her branch initially told her they did not have enough money.

“I argued with them until they accepted,” she said. “I told them this is my right and I don’t have time to return since I am taking care of my dad, I work and I can’t wait another two hours in the queue.”

Some have resorted to creative solutions to circumvent the controls, including sending debit cards by courier to friends and relatives abroad to withdraw dollars and bring them home. Travelers coming from abroad carry large amounts of cash with them.

Maha Halabi doesn’t work, but counts on the salary of her husband, who is a landscape engineer based in Saudi Arabia.

“He stopped sending money because I can’t withdraw here, so now he brings the cash with him every other week when he visits,” she said.

# Russia-Poland feud over history clouds Auschwitz anniversary

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WARSAW, Poland — Over the next several days, world leaders will gather twice to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the most notorious of Nazi Germany’s death camps.

That there will be two competing ceremonies – one in Jerusalem on Thursday and the other at the Auschwitz site in southern Poland on Monday – underlines how politically charged World War II remains as nationalist governments in Russia and Poland seek to use their own interpretation of the past for contemporary political gain.

Leaders at both sites, joined by elderly survivors, will pay tribute to the 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust. Yet the commemorations risk being overshadowed by a bitter dispute between Poland – where Nazi German occupiers operated Auschwitz and other infamous camps – and Russia, the successor state to the Soviet Union.

“I am afraid this will not help the commemoration of the Holocaust,” said Dariusz Stola, a Polish historian and former director of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews.

Such commemorations, he said, should ideally be a moment “for the present to serve the past.”

“Now the past is serving the aims of current politics,” he told The Associated Press.

Ahead of Thursday’s ceremony in Jerusalem, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin implored world leaders assembled at his official residence to “leave history for the historians.”

“The role of political leaders, of all of us, is to shape the future,” he said.

Soviet forces liberated Auschwitz on Jan. 27, 1945. But the country had also signed a nonaggression accord with the Nazis shortly before the war began in 1939, known as the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact. It contained a secret protocol in which the totalitarian powers agreed to carve up Eastern Europe.

Two years later, Germany turned on Kremlin leader Josef Stalin and invaded the Soviet Union, bringing the Soviets into the war on the side of the Allies. Millions of Red Army soldiers lost their lives in the eventual defeat of Adolf Hitler’s Germany.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has sought to shift wartime blame to Poland over anger that historical memory in the West has begun to focus more on the Soviet role in triggering the war and less on its role in defeating Germany.

The Russian historical moves have outraged the Polish government, which believes Putin’s main motive is to weaken Polish influence in the European Union. Warsaw is one of the strongest supporters of maintaining sanctions on Moscow for its annexation of Crimea and has also been fighting a planned Russian gas pipeline. Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki has accused Putin of lying deliberately to deflect from his own failures, including a ban on Russian athletes over doping.

At the same time, Poland has come under criticism for allegedly minimizing the role its own people played in helping Nazi occupiers kill Jews.

Putin and other Russian officials have been claiming that Poland – which was invaded in 1939 by German and Soviet forces – actually bears blame for starting the war. Western historians see those allegations as a cynical ploy to minimize Soviet responsibility as Moscow today seeks to glorify what is known in Russia as the Great Patriotic War and more generally a Stalinist era that included mass kill-

ings of opponents at home and suffering imposed on Eastern Europe during decades of communist rule.

In recent days, Poland’s government has been defending the nation’s record, recalling how its wartime government-in-exile sought to save Jews by warning the world, and listing cultural and economic damage that Poland suffered after Soviet troops took control of its territory at the end of World War II.

In drawing dozens of world leaders to the World Holocaust Forum in Jerusalem, Israel had hoped to present a united front in commemorating the genocide of European Jewry and warning against the perils of modern-day anti-Semitism.

Instead, Polish President Andrzej Duda is boycotting the event at the Yad Vashem memorial because, unlike Putin, he was not invited to speak and wouldn’t be able to defend his nation’s historical record. Duda will preside at the Auschwitz ceremony, which Putin will not attend.

Israel has said it didn’t offer Duda a speaking role because his country, while its soldiers fought the Germans at home and on other fronts, was not among World War II’s liberating nations. It said the German president was also being allowed to speak to take responsibility for the perpetrators.

The deeper explanation appears to be rooted in Israel’s sensitive relationship with Russia.

The Jerusalem event is being orchestrated by Moshe Kantor, the president of the European Jewish Congress and a billionaire oligarch who is close to Putin.

In addition, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu needs Putin on his side due to Russia’s involvement in the war in neighboring Syria, where Israel is deeply concerned about the presence of Iranian forces.

He also is hoping the Russian leader will free a young Israeli woman imprisoned on drug charges in Russia – a development that would give Netanyahu a welcome boost before national elections in March.

During Putin’s visit, Netanyahu will dedicate a monument honoring the nearly 900-day Nazi siege of Leningrad. The city, now known as St. Petersburg, is Putin’s hometown.

Israeli-Polish relations are still reeling over the Polish government’s controversial Holocaust speech law in 2018 that sought to criminalize blaming the Polish nation for the Holocaust. It was part of its wider efforts to portray Poles primarily as rescuers of Jews during the Holocaust while seeking to play down the fact that there were also Poles who abetted the Germans in hunting down and killing Jews.

Jan Grabowski, a Polish-Canadian historian at the University of Ottawa, argued recently that Putin was engaging in a “cynical falsification of history,” but added that Polish authorities, “discredited by years of twisting the history of the Holocaust, have lost any credibility and moral legitimacy to enter into a dispute in this field.”

The insertion of politics into such a solemn event clearly has been unsettling for historians and Holocaust survivors. But Yad Vashem historian Robert Rozett said he hoped the image of more than 45 world leaders coming together to remember the Holocaust would help it “rise above” what he described as unfortunate background noise.

“Using history for all kinds of things is very much a part of our world today and we as historians rail against it,” he told the AP. “But if we were waiting for all the stars to line up and for everyone to be on the same page, we would never have an event like this.”



